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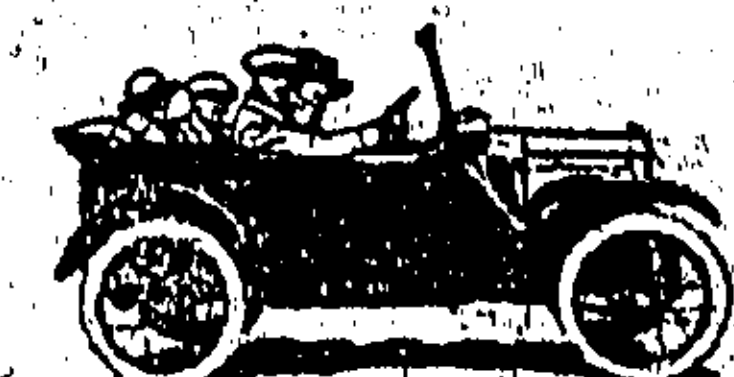
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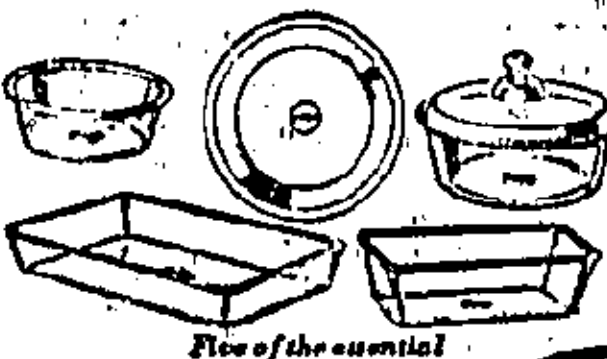
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EMPIRE'S SAFETY. SINGAPORE'S VITAL IMPORTANCE. FUTURE OF THE PACIFIC. Gateways That Must Be Kept Open.

There is now every prospect that the Singapore base scheme, which the Labour Government shelved, will be carried out as originally planned.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 8.
Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, speaking at

Secretary of Colonies.



Mr. L. S. Amery who is a strong advocate of the Singapore base.

the Australian and New Zealand luncheon in London, and referring to the defence of the Empire and the necessity of keeping the ocean routes open said that Gibraltar, the Suez Canal, the Straits of Malacca, the Singapore base, the three gateways of vital importance.

An "Internal Matter."

Singapore as a gateway might prove valueless unless means were provided to re-equip our ships there.

That was purely an internal matter for ourselves, which we not merely were entitled to look after, but of which we were bound to make sure.

Dominions Must Lead.

Mr. Amery concluded by saying that in the vast developments pending in the Pacific, Australia and New Zealand must give the lead to the new world as Britain had given it to the old world.

Earlier cables stated that Parliamentary correspondents foresaw that an announcement of the Government's intention to proceed with the Singapore base had been made in the King's speech tomorrow. One message said that it is understood from a well-informed but unofficial source that steps are likely to be taken soon to push on the plan for the construction of the Singapore base. Probably the estimates for 1925-1926 will provide for the current expenditure.

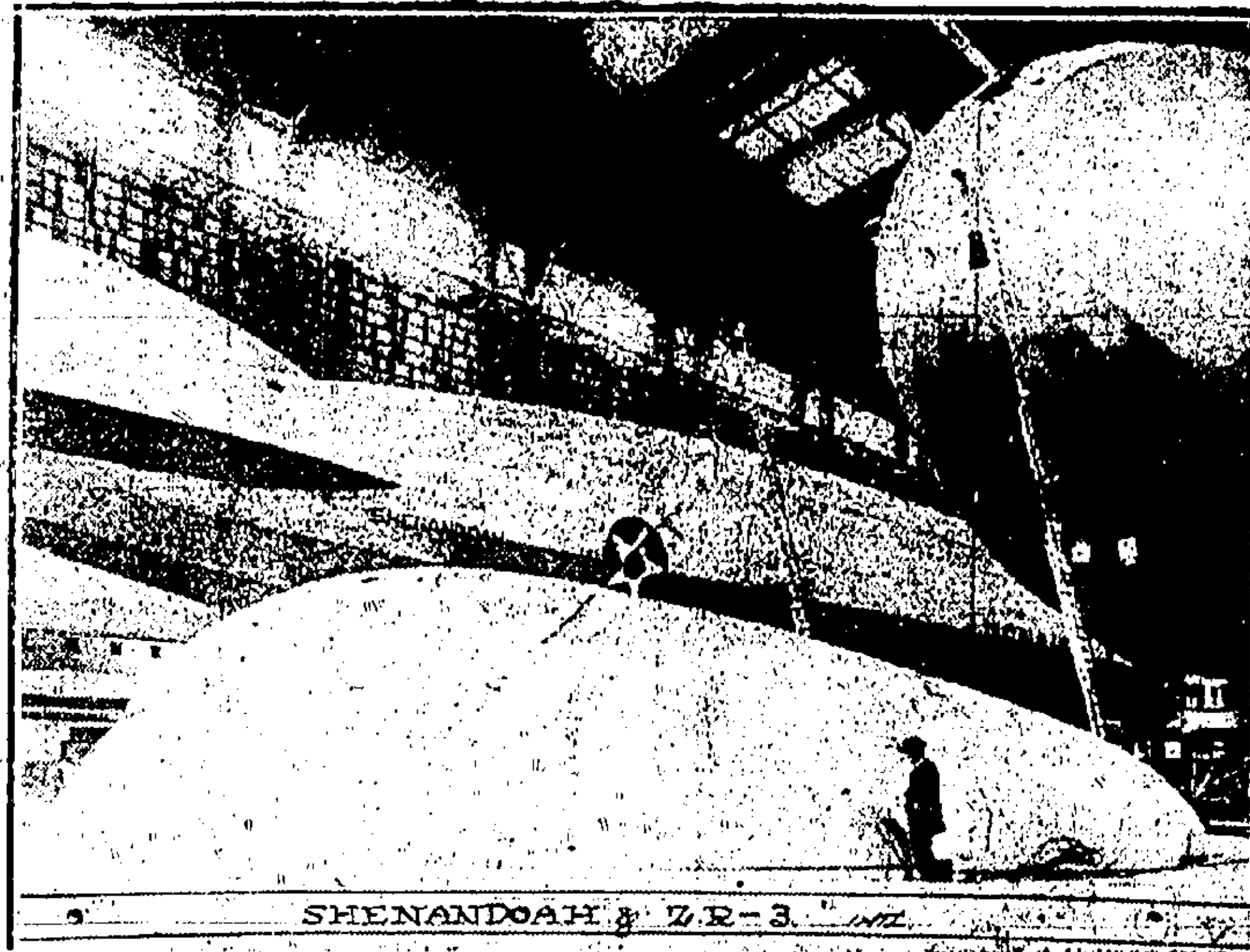
Discussing the Singapore base in his speech at the annual meeting of the China Association in London, Sir John Jordan made the following pointed remarks:—"This is not a political Association, and I have no wish to touch upon politics. But there can, I think be no harm in referring to an important matter, which will, we hope, receive favourable consideration under a new Government. I feel sure that all of us who spent many anxious days and nights in China during the Great European War, watching our naval authorities engaged in what seemed to be an almost hopeless task, will rejoice to think that the position in the Far East is now likely to be strengthened by the establishment of the naval base at Singapore, and that the immense interests of our Far Eastern trade and even the safety of our Great Dominions in the Southern hemis-

GOLF AT FANLING.

In the competition for the Captain's Cup, played on the Fanling golf-links from December 6-8, J. W. Franks, 80-10=79, qualified. H. U. Ireland, 85-7=78, wins the optional pool (21 entries).

where, will never again be exposed to the risks which they had to face during the late war." (Applause.)
[The Right Hon. Sir John Newell Jordan, G.C.M.G., was H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Peking from 1906 to 1920. Born on September 6, 1862, at Balloo, Co. Down, Ireland, he was educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution and at Queen's College, Belfast, where he gained first class honours. In 1876 he was appointed Student Interpreter in China, in 1889 Assistant Chinese Secretary to H.B.M. Legation in Peking, and in 1891 Chinese Secretary. He was Consul-General to Korea from 1896 to 1898, Charge d'Affaires from 1898 to 1901, Minister Resident in Seoul in 1901, and H.B.M. Minister Resident at the Court of Korea from 1901 to 1906. He received the Jubilee Medal in 1897, and the Coronation Medal in 1902. He was also the translator of the "Peking Gazette."]

GIANT AIRSHIPS HOUSED IN THE SAME HANGAR.



An idea of the immensity of the haval hangar at Lakehurst, New Jersey, may be obtained from this photograph, showing the "Shenandoah" and the Los Angeles (ZR-3) housed together and not taking up the room. A damaged gas bag from the "Shenandoah" is in process of repair in the foreground. The helium gas in the "Shenandoah" will be taken out and used in the further trials of the Los Angeles.

CASUALTIES.

EFFECTS OF GAS AND MOTOR CAR.

A Chinese was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of gas poisoning. It is not known how the gas was inhaled.

Boy Injured

A Chinese boy, 11 years old, sustained severe injuries in the head when he was struck down by a motor car in Jubilee Street yesterday. The patient was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where he now lies in a critical condition. The driver of the car has been detained.

Trolley Accident

An earth trolley knocked down and injured a Chinese at Jordan Road yesterday, the man having to be taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

SERIOUS OFFENCE

POSSESSION OF LOCKS FOR MACHINE-GUNS.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED.

For possession of two machine-gun locks, a passenger of the s.s. "Sunling" was fined \$1,000 or 12 months' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant put forward the plea that he was taking the locks to a friend in Amoy. The Magistrate characterized the offence as a serious one.

CAUTIONED.

Sir Eric Taylor In Court.

TRAFFIC MISUNDERSTANDING.

Dr. Sir Eric Stuart Taylor was present at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to answer a charge preferred against him of disregarding a traffic signal at the Star Ferry on November 25.

An Indian constable in his evidence stated that a ferry boat had just arrived, and he signalled to Sir Eric, who was driving the car, to stop, but he failed to do so.

Sir Eric said that he noticed no signals whatsoever on the day in question. As a matter of fact, he stopped in front of the Ferry Station where one of the passengers alighted.

The Traffic Sergeant explained that there had apparently been some misunderstanding, whereupon Sir Eric was let off with a caution.

FIRE AT SEA.

JAPANESE STEAMER ABANDONED.

"FUKKI MARU" LOST.

Crew Taken Off By "Taito Maru."

The Japanese steamer "Fukki Maru" which was reported to be ashore has now been abandoned. The crew is safe.

News reached here last night that the s.s. "Fukki Maru" was in great distress as a serious fire had broken out on board. Rending between the lines of the various messages received it is apparent that the crew must have battled to the last against the flames before they were driven to seek the safety of another vessel.

As yet it is not known how the fire originated but the local offices of the N.Y.K. have been informed that it broke out in No. 2 hold and spread to the bunkers where it could not be controlled.

"Steamer escaped near Namoa Island for the safety of the crew and cargo" is how one of the latest messages reads. By the N.Y.K., this radiogram is construed as indicating that the vessel was successfully taken into a passage by Namoa Island where aid could be better rendered if possible. However, it was definitely stated that the ship had been abandoned and that the crew had a found safety on the "Taito Maru."

Four ships raced to the raging

vessel's assistance one of them being the "Taito Maru" which took off the crew. She was in Swatow yesterday, and due to leave, but was ordered by the Japanese Consul to rush to the "Fukki Maru."

No sooner had the news reached Hongkong by wireless than the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s tug "David Gillies" proceeded hotsooted to the position given. A Japanese warship in a Formosan port was also despatched and the N.Y.K. "Tamba Maru," which left Hongkong for Japan on Sunday, was reported by wireless to be "rushing to render assistance."

It is presumed that the "Fukki" was beyond aid when the first of them arrived.

Details Of The Vessel.
It is believed that the "Fukki Maru" was somewhere between Amoy and Swatow when the S.O.S. was broadcasted. She is owned by the Teikoku Kisen Kaisha of Kobe from whom the Nippon Yusen Kaisha have chartered her for their Japan-Bombay service, Hongkong being only an intermediate port of call. The charter only commenced last month. According to the Hongkong office of the N.Y.K. no passengers were carried and the cargo was more likely to be "general" than "special." Her gross tonnage is 5,699.

The "Taito Maru," for which the N.Y.K. are agents, belongs to the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha.

The "Tamba Maru" is an N.Y.K. boat. She left Hongkong for Japan on Sunday. A message received last night stated that the engines of the "Fukki Maru" were not in working order, his being due, probably, to the staff having been smoked out. The message also said that the warship had taken her in tow but no mention was made of this when a "Mail" reporter inquired at the N.Y.K. this morning.

According to the first message, picked up by the Naval authorities, the ship's position was given as near the Lamocks.

PIRATE PERIL.

KONGMOON'S CONSTANT ANXIETY.

MARTIAL LAW IN FORCE.

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Dec. 8.
Just as people living on the southern shores of the Homeland a little over a century ago were in continual dread of the coming of the French invader, so the residents at this port are living in constant fear to-day of the great river scourge—pirates.

It has been whispered that a certain gang has resolved to lay hands on the Customs armoury, and martial law has been proclaimed. The non-native staffs of the local hongs—of which there are not many—are out on armed volunteer night duty with the European officers in the Customs service.

At Kongmoon, the Merchants' Volunteer Corps has again been allowed to perform armed patrols in the streets as the number of robberies and thefts each day is increasing.

Patrolling Channel.
Nor are the precautions confined to the shore. Dr. Sun Yat-sen's flagship, the cruiser "Wing Fung," which has apparently given up the quest of alleged opium traffickers, has been assigned a more practicable, though less profitable, task of patrolling the Gamoon Channel approach.

Other anti-piracy measures include the posting of gunboats near the Tai Shan.

Another help to the public is the brilliant illumination from the Customs compound, flooded with electric light every night.

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December, 1924, at 11.30 o'clock in
the forenoon, for the purpose of
receiving a statement of accounts
and the report of the General
Managers for the year ended 30th
September, 1924, and electing a
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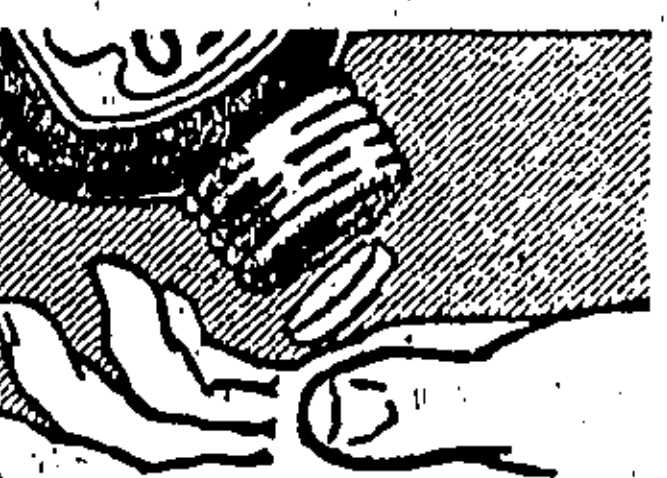
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V.C. Dies in Poverty.

Almost penniless, Thomas
Whitham, V.C., who won the
honour when a private in the 1st
Coldstream Guards, has died of
peritonitis at Oldham Royal Infir-
mary. Whitham won the Cross
on July 31, 1917, the opening day
of the Battle of Ypres. His bat-
talion were storming positions on
Plochem Ridge and were held up
by enfilade fire from a machine-
gun post. He attacked the gun
crew single-handed, and his
bravery enabled his comrades to
advance. Decensed leaves a
widow and six children. Prior to
his admittance to the infirmary he
had been out of work, and had to
raise money on his medal.
"Perfect Married Life."

Glowing tributes to his wife
were contained in the will of the
Rev. Peter Rose, 56, pastor of
Talbot, Tabernacle, Bayswater.
"In thus leaving to my wife all
that I possess," he wrote, "I de-
sire to place on record my deep
gratitude for the years of perfect
married life we have spent to-
gether. There has never been a
shadow between us since our
marriage-day, and I thank God
for the gift of one whose sacred
character and lifelong unselfish-
ness has been a joy to me, and an
unspicable strength and encour-
agement in my ministry." He left
to her \$5,000, adding that "as a
token of my absolute confidence
in my wife's judgment, I leave
her free to dispose of the
estate by will on her decease
as she may think most likely
to further the extension of
the Gospel of Christ in the world."
Once a cavalry soldier in the 2nd
Queen's Bays, with a record of hard
campaigning in India, Mr. Rose
became, in his own phrase, "con-
verted," and transferred to the
Soldiers' Christian Association.
He travelled in Chili and India.
Mr. and Mrs. Rose met in the
course of their work in the mission
field. "Our life together was all
sunshine, with never a shadow,"
Mrs. Rose told an interviewer. "I
can only regard his touching
tribute as a message to the world
of the true significance of the work
which we both loved so well.
Every memory I have of our
married life is sheer happiness."

Cry From Coffin.

A prematurely born child that
was on the point of being buried
alive at Panty, a hillside cemetery
at Dowla, is back from the grave
and restored to his mother, Mrs.
Thomas Cushman, of Cwmanol-
street. The child, however, is
weakly and its condition a cause
of anxiety. When the child was
born its lifeless appearance led the
midwife and others to conclude
that it was dead. Some hours
later the father, an unemployed
steelworker, carried the body in a
card-board coffin to Panty cemetery,
over a mile away. Not being able
to pay the burial fee at once, he
left the box at the mortuary with
the sexton, and later on took it out
for interment. A grave-digger
was placing the box in the grave
when a faint cry was heard. The
box was immediately opened and
the child found to be living. It
was taken to a neighbouring house,
treated by a passing nurse, and
later taken home to the surprised
mother.

The Best Restaurant.

If I were asked (writes a corres-
pondent to the "Morning Post")
which was the finest restaurant in
the world, I should say without
hesitation from the fulness of my
heart and knowledge, the Chapon
Fin at Bordeaux. It is small—
seating altogether about 20—select,
old-fashioned and expensive. The
cellar, however, which comprises
two million bottles and 15,000
barriques, must be easily the most
perfect and probably the largest in
the world. Paillard's, in Paris,
noted for its wines, has a cave
valued at two million francs. Clearly
that of the Chapon Fin is worth
many times that amount. Well-
known figures who are its habitués
include the King of Spain and
the Duke of Westminster.

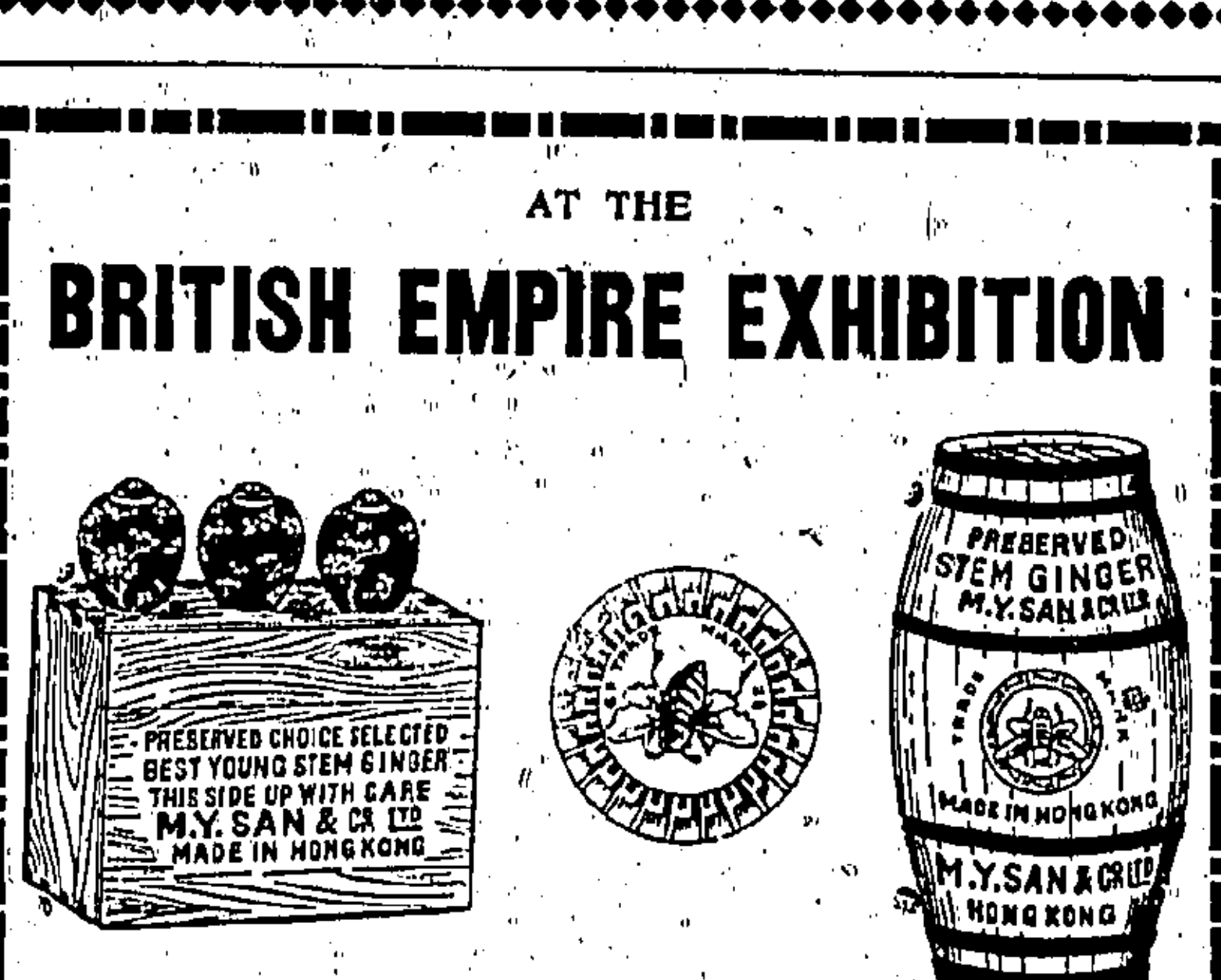
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YOUTH AND EMPIRE.
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR
ATTAINING IDEAL.**

Addressing the Roy Scouts of
Bangalore at the annual general
business meeting of their Association
in the Civil and Military
station, the Hon. Mr. Barton, Chief
Scout for Bangalore and Coorg
and Provincial Scout Commis-
sioner, touched on the Empire
aspect of the organisation.
After referring to the great
impression created by the
Jamboree at the Wembley
Stadium, at which he was present
a little while ago, he said: "Some
of you probably know that the
British Empire has many critics
and detractors, and many
unpleasant things are said about
it. Some describe it as the
creation of selfish capitalists,
founded on the exploitation of
the weaker nations. Others
regard it as a dull and
tyrannous despotism. We like
to think that it stands for even-
handed justice, fair play, and good
will among the nations. It is a
difficult ideal to live up to, and
the achievement sometimes falls
short of the desire, but, whatever
the defects of the Empire may be,
it is a very big thing, and even its
ill-wishers do it the compliment of
bracketing it with the Roman
Empire. The Empire belongs to
its youth. If it has shortcomings,
you can help to remove
them. If the Scout movement
continues to expand and grow
stronger, as it is doing now, the
time is not far distant when the
Scout spirit will pervade the life of
the Empire and we shall then get
nearer to the ideals we stand for.
You can help this on. You boys,
Indian, Anglo-Indian, and British,
have special opportunities in India.
No Scout brotherhood sectarian
differences are forgotten. The
Scout spirit will help to solve many
of India's problems."

MAIL WEEK NEWS.
**ITEMS FROM FAR AND
NEAR.**

Mr. H. Hucker, who has been
nominated Mayor of Walsall,
Staffordshire, is a fellow signal-
man in the same railway cabin as
the retiring mayor.
Human skulls believed to be
prehistoric and found at a Kirtan
Lindsey, Lincolnshire, cement
works, have been sent to Oxford
University for examination.
Twenty-seven schemes for
arterial roads in Greater London,
either completed or now in hand,
comprise about 166 miles of new
road and 40 miles of widening,
and the total estimated cost is more
than £12,000,000.
The Lord Provost of Dundee has
received a letter from the Prime
Minister, Mr. MacDonald, stating
that he is sending £250, the gift of
a friend who was in Dundee
when the freedom of the town was
conferred on him, to be used for a
treat for the poorer citizens.
Johnstonians from all parts of the
country, assembled at Lichfield,
Staffordshire, for the 25th anniversary
of the birth of Dr. Samuel
Johnston. The mayor placed a
laurel wreath on the statue in the
Market-place, and a supplied
cathedral choir sang the Johnson
Anthem.
Messrs. E. A. Kimpton and Co.,
Ltd., of 2, Sheppards-place, Minorities,
London, ask us to state that neither
their company nor their managing
director, Mr. E. A. Kimpton, is
in any way connected with the
parties referred to in the account
of the looting of the French steamer
Mulhouse.

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BOMBAY MARU ... Saturday, 30th Dec.
SUMATRA MARU ... Sunday, 4th Jan.
SAIGON—Bangkok and Singapore.
BUSHO MARU ... Friday, 2nd Jan.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Hongkong.
HAMBURG MARU ... Friday, 26th Dec.
VICTORIA, SHANTLE TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
ARABIA MARU (From Shanghai) ... Sunday, 13th Dec.
NEW YORK—Via Japan Ports, San Francisco and Panama.
HAYHE MARU ... Beginning of January
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AMAZON MARU ... Wednesday, 17th Dec.
AMUR MARU ... Saturday, 30th Dec.
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FARAO via SWAMPY & AMUR ... Sunday, 31st Dec. at 11 a.m.
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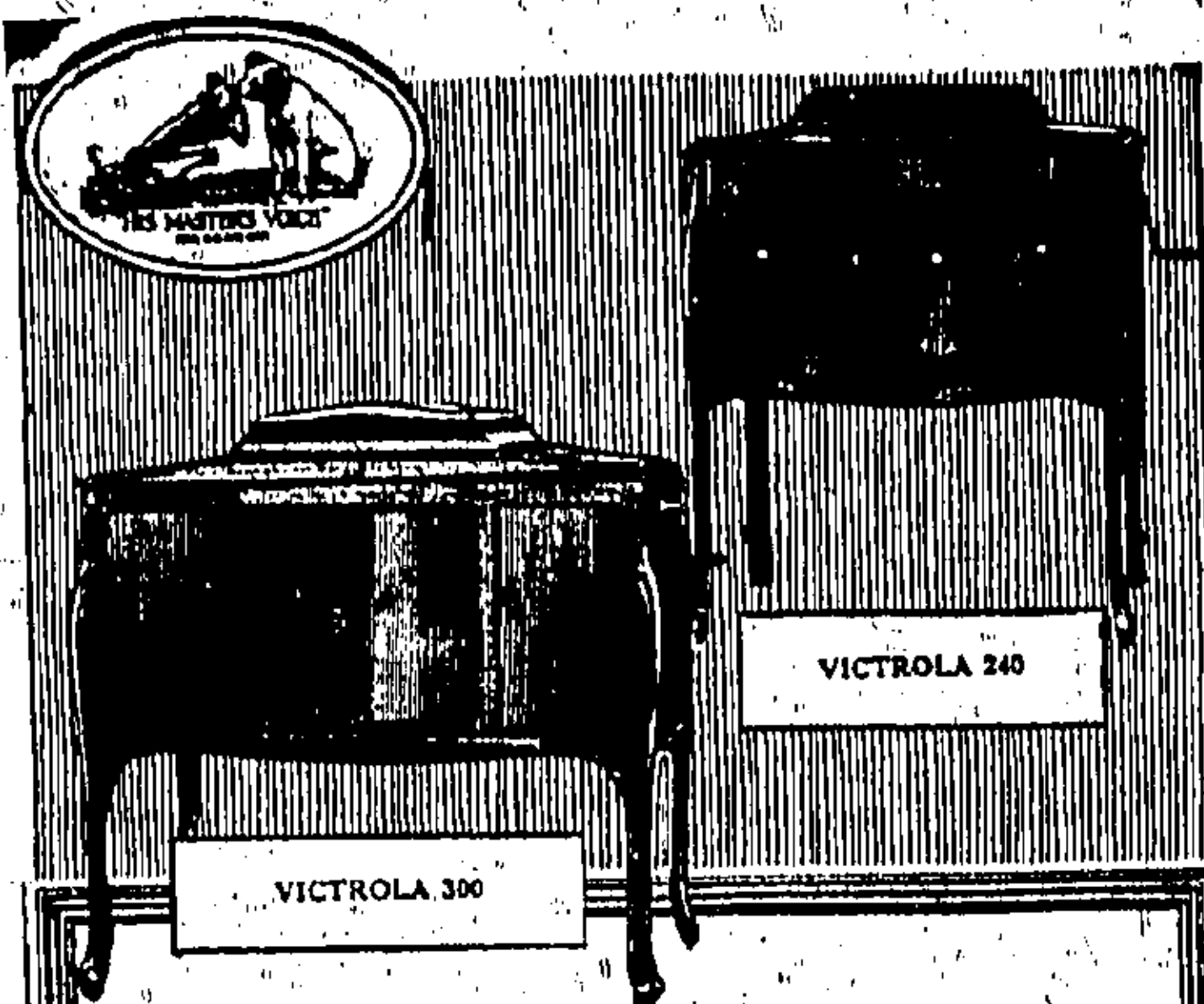
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MARRIAGES.

FERNIE—LOCH.—On November 29, at the Brompton Oratory, Linn, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fernie, to Doris, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Loch, of Ealing.

BORGH—ROZARIO.—On November 27, at Soerabain, Amalia Markwick do Rozario to Cornelius D. Borgh.

DEATHS.

COURTIS.—At "Beoley," Oxted, Surrey, Allan, husband of Mrs. Allan O. Courtis (née Madge Arthur), of appendicitis (by cable).

OWEN.—On December 3, at Shanghai, Lucy Grace Owen, aged 24 years.

LATOUR.—On December 4, at Shanghai, Marius Jean-Baptiste Antonin Latour, in his 47th year.

Hongkong, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1924.

—LAUGHTER—

Addressing the members of the China Association at the annual meeting of that body in London, Sir John Jordan was greeted with laughter when he mentioned that he had received a letter from a consul at one of the treaty ports of China stating that within a radius of less than twenty miles British goods were subjected to forty-seven different

kinds of taxation. Now there is nothing very amusing in the fact that British goods are exploited in this outrageous manner and ordinarily it would have been a subject for concern. However, the mirth of the assembled China hands was not only quite natural; it was also a fitting commentary upon the irony of the situation. For Sir John Jordan had just drawn attention to the pleasing illusion spread by Mr. Lloyd George, with all the authority of a former Premier to back his words, that taxation is so light in China foreigners have been known to become naturalised Chinese in order to escape the tax-gatherers of their native land. This illusion must appeal to Hongkong residents as being quaint enough, but it is not less quaint than the other illusion of Mr. Lloyd George's which Sir John Jordan destroyed in his speech. Mr. Lloyd George wrote that China during thousands of years had ascended to an altitude of civilisation which despised trial by butchery, and was now making a rapid descent from those heights of philosophical serenity and becoming the victim of the skilled barbarism of other lands. Against this picture Sir John Jordan painted another. He recalled that during those thousands of years Mr. Lloyd George mentioned China has had an endless succession of dynasties, and that nearly every change of dynasty has involved a prolonged war. The Tai-ping rebellion alone claimed some twenty million lives. Indeed, a Chinese statesman of Sir John Jordan's acquaintance, "now employing his enforced leisure in reading Chinese history," stated the other day that China had only enjoyed some seventy years of uninterrupted peace during the last two thousand years. Like Sir John Jordan we think it is a pity to destroy pleasing illusions, but these facts cannot be too widely known. They cannot be too widely known if only because they provide an effective answer to the silly calumnies that men like Dr. Sun Yat-sen are prepared to spread about British aims in China. Where, we might

ask for example, where is the sense of, charging "Imperialist Britain" with the crime of reducing China to the status of a "semi-colony"—Sun Yat-sen's favourite term—when the result is to have British goods taxed forty-seven times in the one district? Take the railways. Speaking as "one who was an enthusiastic advocate of railways in China," and as one who built high hopes upon the great benefit they would confer, Sir John Jordan had to confess that the lines are no longer national concerns, but have become the preserves of provincial tuchuns who play havoc with the revenues. One or two of the British-built railways have practically ceased to function; and all are made to subserve the purpose of the military. Again we ask would British pursue a policy that could only have these results? Would she not, rather, follow a policy that would help China to develop her trade? When one remembers the hindrances that China's trade has survived, one can only wonder with Sir John Jordan how it would progress under a stable Government, under respect for the sanctity of contract, such as was inseparable from the Chinese name until quite recently; under a system of legal administration that provided redress; under a system of taxation properly administered. Truly, as Sir John Jordan said, this opens out a vista tantalising in its prospects. Yet meh can be found to suggest that Britain is following a policy that would cripple this hope for years!

Is Chang Sincere?

When the Mukden forces first entered the recent campaign in opposition to the forces under Marshal Wu, Pei-fu, Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Manchurian war-lord, made consistent apology for the invasion of Chihli on the grounds that it was unavoidable if the removal of President Tsao Kun was to be accomplished. A telegram from Peking, published last evening, announced that Chang Tso-lin had promised to surrender his post as Inspector-General of the three Eastern Provinces and, in future, obey the orders of the Central Government of China. After the customary expression of pity for the relatives of those killed or wounded, while "fighting their own countrymen," Chang candidly avows, that the cause of the war was "rivalry between the leaders." All well and good, if we could believe that rivalry has ceased to exist now that Tsao Kun and Wu Pei-fu have been driven to the wall. There is no guarantee that another rival will not arise within the next few months—especially since importers of arms continue to find an easy avenue of approach in China. Again, taking Chang's promise at its face value, there is always the probability that the Mukden leader may again fall foul of Tuan Chi-jui as he did during the palmy days of the Anfu Club in 1919-1920, which culminated in Chang and Wu joining hands and driving Tuan and his party from office. Is Chang Tso-lin sincere? On the answer depends the peace of the Chinese Republic. In the knowledge that Chang Tso-lin is firmly behind Tuan Chi-jui, the enemies of Peking will think twice before they re-open hostilities. A sincere bond of friendship and alliance between Peking and Mukden would hold out genuine prospects for a settled China.

The "Blue Peter."

As refreshing as a sea breeze to the mind of the reader will be a perusal of the "Blue Peter," a review copy of which has just reached us. The impression it leaves is that a glimpse has been given of the intimate lives of pioneer men and women, using the adjective in the broadest sense. Not all of them are at work on trackless wastes transforming them into habitable regions; but all have stepped in varying degrees of circumstance, away from the beaten path, and their experiences, written either by themselves or by onlookers provide most fascinating reading. The following, for instance, is a description of settlers under the Group System, under which families are taken to Australia from home in groups of twenty, and an advance of £3 a week made to them until the land granted to them has been sufficiently cleared to make it possible of cultivation. One could see the progress that was being made, although it was slow. A man starting life from zero has to be content with two

or even three years of discomfort. Schools for their children are set up simultaneously with the formation of a group, and for children at least this life in the woods must be a joy. At one house where I stopped I found the man and his wife had been settled on their land for nearly a year. He was a Shropshire man and had been in Australia for nine years. There were three children—a girl of about eight who was already some help to her mother, a fat boy of five who was paddling about and making a castle by the brook, and an infant. Their mother was a quiet, rather delicate-looking woman, who told me they were glad to be here, for the sake of their children. "There will be a home for them," she said, "when they grow up." That is the Beacon light that leads them on. They see before them the goal of better days—when the land is cleared, the debt paid off, and their children established in the world. The most thrilling article in this excellent magazine is undoubtedly that of Commander F. A. Worsley which gains, rather than loses, by the restrained language in which is recorded the gallant dash across 350 miles of the great Antarctic seas by Sir Ernest Shackleton and others in the crew left stranded on the inhospitable shores of Elephant Island. There is much else worthy of reproduction within the pages of the "Blue Peter" and, although in its inception it was intended solely for use in music and smoking saloons of passenger steamers, it will appeal in its new form to many people who are conscious of a need which the ordinary fiction magazine does not fill.

WU TING FANG

IMPRESSIVE STATE BURIAL AT CANTON.

Long will Canton remember the impressive National State Burial accorded the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang on Saturday, by the Government in recognition of his meritorious service to the Chinese Republic, says the "Canton Gazette." More than five thousand persons participated in the funeral procession which started from the private residence of the Wu family on Mun Tak Road through the principal thoroughfares of the city to the private cemetery on Yat Mong Kong in the East suburb. Troops of all the armies, students of both sexes and friends slowly marched in the procession through the streets, which were crowded by all classes of people who turned out to see the funeral.

Dr. C. C. Wu, son of the deceased statesman, was the chief mourner and walked behind the chair bearing the urn from the house to the cemetery.

When the procession reached Yat Mong Kong, where the cemetery is located, all the troops and people grouped themselves in their assigned places in the spacious cemetery grounds.

The burial service opened with music rendered by the military band. Then followed the reading of President Sun's tribute to the great statesman, by Governor Hu Han-min. Eulogies by other friends followed, after which the precious urn was taken by the chief mourner, and with assistance of several others, was slowly lowered to the grave. The grave was about 7 feet deep and 2 feet square. When the ashes of Dr. Wu Ting-fang were laid to rest, the choir from the Trinity College sang a hymn followed by a prayer by the Rev. Moh Sou-cheng.

A large number of foreign friends were present. Numerous wreaths of flowers, and scrolls with appropriate inscriptions, contributed by friends and organizations, were laid on the grave and near.

Sir John Jordan declares that in education and in all departments of knowledge China has made immense progress in recent years. "A highly intellectual people, with a great heritage of brain power, they have suddenly diverted their attention from a study of their ancient systems of philosophy to the pursuit of Western knowledge in all its branches, and the result is the creation of a new China as different from the old China as the England of to-day is from the England of 500 years ago. I remember the shock which the first appearance of a primitive piece of foreign machinery created some 30 years ago in Peking, and to-day there are all over the country great industrial factories worked on the most modern scientific methods and in medicine and other professions the level of Western nations. Again, one may be permitted to speculate on the proportions which all this advance would assume if only the country could enjoy the blessing of zero has to be content with two

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

FELICITOUS SPEECHES IN ROME.

(Reuter's Service.)

ROME, December 8. The public meeting of the Council of the League of Nations opened here this afternoon, in the presence of all the members.

Position of Britain. Mr. Austen Chamberlain, British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to the welcome of the President, laid emphasis on the British Empire's respect for the League of Nations and appreciation of its work.

He added: "Our confidence in its fairness, impartiality and justice was shown by our ready acceptance of the Council's provisional decision with regard to the settlement of the Iraq frontier, and still more by our bending ourselves in advance to accept the ultimate decision of the Council."

M. Briand's Tribute. M. Briand expressed the opinion, in an earlier interview, that Britain's desire to postpone discussion of the disarmament protocol was natural, because it was necessary for her to consult the British Dominions. This fact did not mean the end of the protocol; it merely signified delay with regard to its consideration.

Ishii Is Pleared. Viscount Kikujiro Ishii, Japanese Ambassador to Paris since 1920, reading the report of the Health Committee of the League, expressed appreciation of the past three years' work regarding the opium traffic.

He referred to the grave problem of dysentery in the Far East and expressed pleasure that a Japanese doctor was able to participate in the Health Conference.

He announced that definite steps had been taken to organise at Singapore a special branch of the health section of the League, which should greatly assist in combating epidemics.

He stated that a Far Eastern Health Conference had been convened to meet in Japan next February; there would be an interchange of Far Eastern Health Officers next year. He concluded by voicing the opinion that the Council approved the work of the Health Committee.

OPIUM AND HEROIN.

U.S. SUGGESTION FOR COMBINED FIGHT.

DELAY AT GENEVA.

(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, December 6. In view of expediting the work at the Second Opium Conference, the sub-committees of which so far have submitted no reports, Sir Malcolm Delevingne suggested, at this morning's plenary session, that the sub-committees should be asked to complete their labours by December 12 to enable the Conference to close on December 20. This provoked a lengthy discussion, at the end of which the subject of fixing dates was adjourned till December 11.

Question of Heroin.

In the course of the session, the American proposal that the Conference should join the United States in fighting the use of heroin, was referred to a medical committee.

OPIUM POSSESSION.

CHINESE YOUTH IS CONVICTED.

A Chinese boy who was found guilty at the Kowloon Magistracy last Wednesday of having in his possession 110 tael of raw opium and 175 tael of prepared opium was to-day fined \$2,200 on the first charge and \$1,400 on the second, with the alternative of six months' hard labour in each case, the sentences to run concurrently.

In passing sentence His Worship remarked that he had taken into consideration the fact that there may have been others behind the scenes in connection with the case.

DERELICTS.

NATIVE CRAFT SUFFER IN MONSOON.

Native craft that have ventured any distance out to sea in the heavy monsoon have fared badly. This is revealed in the crop of "casualty" junks reported by shipmasters.

Derelicts constituting dangers to navigation are notified as follows: The "Pong To-a" sighted a derelict junk, bottom up, in Lat 20.49 N. Long 113.76 E.

The "York City" sighted a derelict junk, one mast standing, and her gun painted on bow, Lamock Island Lighthouse bearing N. 20 W. distance 4 miles, at 11.11 a.m., December 7.

CHINA HANDS.

NOTABLE LONDON GATHERING.

The annual dinner of the China Association took place in the Edward VII rooms at the Hotel Victoria, London, on November 6. Presided over by the Rt. Hon. Sir John Jordan, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., the former British Minister at Peking, it was a notable function attended by a distinguished gathering representative of the various services, and of the trading branches of British activity in the vast Republic.

The Chairman was supported by the Rt. Hon. Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Bt., P.C., G.B.E., M.P. (who had that evening joined the new Cabinet as Minister for War), and the Marquess of Sligo. Others present at his table were the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Onslow, O.B.E., Sir James H. Stewart Lockhart, K.C.M.G., Sir Frank Swettenham, G.C.M.G., Lieut.-General Sir George Macdonough, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Lieut.-General Sir Travers Clarke, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, Major Kenneth Anderson, M.C., Capt. R. G. Henderson, R.N., C.B., Mr. P. Anderson, Mr. Harold Williams, Sir Edward F. Crowe, (M.C.), Mr. Sidney Barton, C.M.G., Mr. David Landale, Mr. A. J. Barry, Sir William H. Clark, K.C.S.I., C.B., Sir Montagu C. Turpin, Mr. Frank Collinson, Rt. Rev. Bishop of North China, Sir E. Denison Ross, C.I.E., Mr. H. R. Boyd, C.V.O., C.I.E., Dr. Douglas Gray, Mr. W. F. Collins, Dr. R. P. Scott, M.A., LL.D. Other members and guests present were:—

Messrs. F. J. Abbott, Geo. S. Amyard, A. G. Angier, W. A. Argent, Fred. L. Baker, T. S. Baker, K. A. Wolfe Barry, D. G. M. Bernard, Oscar Barry, Donald Beth, Dr. F. Blackwell, H. B. Bond, Admiral G. H. Borrett, C.B., C.A., V. Bowra, Byron, Brennan, C.M.G., Thomas Brown, J. S. Bruce, Alfred Bryer, F. H. Bugbird, W. B. Burton, Baldry, W. B. Byers, Robert Carr, E. J. Carroll, W. Carter, E. L. Cockell, A. C. Couper, J. L. Crockett, Alex. Cumming, Major R. B. Denny, G. M. Dalwell, L. Gordon, Dalwell, Stanley H. Dodwell, Colonel G. G. Du Cane, O.B.E., Leo Dudeney, G. L. A. Dudeney, M. E. Duffett, Major R. V. Eaton, Dr. Oscar Faber, O.B.E., P. Fawcett, W. Fisher, H. H. Fox, C.M.G., Captain F. J. B. Gardner, H. Gardner, Dr. Lionel Giles, D. Litt, James Graham, A. E. Griffin, F. Grove, H. C. Guillard, A. H. Hallam, Roderick C. Harley, W. F. Harley, Colonel E. K. Harvey, C. H. P. Hay, Captain H. von Heidenstam, A. Hilde, Robert H. Hill, E. E. Hills, A. Hollem, E. J. Houle, E. Howard, G. H. Howard, Sommers Hunter, W. F. Inglis, Dr. J. W. Jackson, H. D. Jones, W. Lindley Jones, H. H. Joseph, J. E. Joseph, W. B. Kennett, Lieut.-Col. M. F. Kittie, L. N. Lee, A. O. Lang, R. de B. Layard, C.M.G., Captain C. B. Liddell, Captain C. Oswald, Liddell, Captain C. Mackintosh, L.L.D., John H. Macoun, H. A. J. Macrae, Dr. Oswald Marriott, C. W. May, Commander R. C. Mayne, R.N., W. R. McCallum, Cameron McGregor, J. R. Michael, Sidney Michael, S. H. Michael, George Miller, C. Selby Moore, T. D. Moorhead, W. A. Morling, H. S. Moss, G. C. Moxon, R. D. Murray, Joseph Nissim, E. W. Noel, W. Adams Oram, H. A. Ottewill, R. E. N. Padfield, H. Farbury, Aylmer C. Pearson, C.M.G., John H. Perry, S. W. P. Perry, H. K. Peters, T. Petrie, Walter G. Pratt, J. Lumsden Rae, R. C. Raine, E. M. Raymond, Duncan J. Reid, M.A., F. O. Reynolds, N. S. Reynolds, A. S. Richardson, G. A. Richardson, D. C. Rutherford, Captain P. W. Rutherford, M.C., F. G. Sale, F. Salinger, Alfred Salinger, C. P. Sandberg, C. H. Scott, E. Shabmon, G. H. Simms, E. A. Stanton, Sir Newton J. Stabb, G. H. Sutt, L. W. Smith, P. Y. Smith, R. Melville-Smith, Richard F. Soper, Frank Souter, R. Sutherland, Henry Symons, George Thornton, A. M. Townsend, J. Venn, W. A. White, Jones, Charles Watney, E. White, Major J. M. Whittall, W. H. Wickham, S. A. Williamson, Captain H. M. Willy, R.N.R., and H. C. Wilcox, Secretary.

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OBITUARY.

MR. H. W. CHANEY.

His many friends will learn with regret of the death at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday evening of Mr. H. W. Chaney, of Nathan Road, Kowloon, as the result of a motor cycle accident a fortnight ago since when he had been under medical treatment.

It was known that complications had set in and that at one time it was thought necessary to amputate the injured leg but when it was decided that an operation was not necessary, Mr. Chaney's friends had hopes for a complete recovery. News of his death came as a great shock to all of them.

Mr. Chaney was about 30 years of age and was employed by Messrs. Palmer and Turner, the well-known firm of architects. He was of an athletic turn of mind and was particularly fond of motor cycling. One of the original members of the E.A.S.M.A., he took a keen interest in its welfare and, last year, was its chairman. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. Chaney's widow and their child in their bereavement. The funeral will take place this evening, the cortege passing the monument at 5 o'clock.

CAPT. J. WOOLLACOTT.

By the death yesterday at the Government Civil Hospital of Captain J. Woollacott, of the s.s. "Paul Beau," the local shipping community ringle of officers engaged in runs centring around Hongkong loses a familiar figure.

Captain Woollacott has been in charge of vessels on the Canton and West River run for many years and was for some time master of the "Hoi Sang." He returned from home leave in the early part of the present year and when the Canton Navigation Company commenced operations with the "Paul Beau" and the "Charles Hardouin," he was given command of the former ship.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley Cemetery at 5 p.m., the service being conducted by the Rev. Norman A. Peel, and was attended by a large number of the deceased's colleagues: Captain Cornwell, Messrs. Leach and Robb, P. H. White (s.s. "Paul Beau"), Captain Walker (s.s. "Kwong Tung"), Captain Abbott (s.s. "Kung On"), Mr. T. T. Laurensen (representing the China Coast Officers' Guild), Mr. Thompson (Harbour Office), Capt. Brown, Somerville and Nichol, Mr. Chan Hon-wah, director of the Canton Navigation Company, and the staff, the commander of the "Paul Beau" and many others.

Among the many floral tributes were noticed the following: Captain of the s.s. "Paul Beau," Stewart's staff of the "Paul Beau," Captain Cornwell, Officers and engineers of the s.s. "Paul Beau," China Coast Officers' Guild, Sailors' Home, Board of Directors of the Canton Navigation Company, Ltd., Capt. and Mrs. C. J. Thompson, Capt. and Mrs. T. R. Nichol and Messrs. A. W. Muir, and W. Saunders.

MRS. M. P. de PINNA.

The Portuguese community has lost one of its oldest residents by the death yesterday at her residence in Nathan Road, Kowloon, of Mrs. M. P. de Pinna. During the last eight years the late Mrs. Pinna has been confined to bed suffering from rheumatism. She expired after three days' illness.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley, in the afternoon and was attended by a number of relatives and friends. Wreaths were sent by her son Mario, Mr. and Mrs. Lim, Hugh, George, and Irene, Europe Asia Trading Company, Madame M. Flint, Messrs. R. M. dos Remedios, Z. M. Sarrazola, L. G. Sarrazola, C. Chan, Teen Seng and others.

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CIVIL WAR AND DEVASTATING FLOODS.

Last year, I had to speak of confusion and chaos in China; this year it is civil war, and a civil war undertaken under most heinous conditions, said Sir John Jordan in his speech to the China Association. According to the late Chinese Prime Minister, some 30 million people have been rendered homeless and destitute by devastating floods, and this is the moment which the rival factions have chosen to plunge the country into the horrors of a civil war. Their object was to unify China by force, and it apparently met with a large measure of foreign approval in the hope that the end would justify the means. But even indication by force would have had little practical effect unless it were accompanied by constructive measures, of which there had been a singular absence in China during recent years. The struggle around Shanghai resulted in the expulsion from Chekiang of one of the very few Governors in the country who had gained a reputation both amongst his own countrymen and foreigners for good administration, and a regime to be seen whether this important province will benefit by the change. The movement was then directed against Manchuria, where Chang Tso-lin's administration had gained for him the approval of foreign residents. Manchuria was a different proposition from Shanghai. It has been a regular battleground in recent years. Two great wars had been fought on its soil, and it was now threatened with a third. But a war in Manchuria could hardly have been an exclusively Chinese concern. Great foreign interests have grown up there during the last 25 years as the result of development in which China has taken little part. Thousands of miles of railway, great mining enterprises and other large undertakings necessitating the presence of perhaps 200,000 foreigners are the measure of the extent to which foreign enterprise has penetrated into this immense region and converted it from a desert land to a great grain-producing center for the markets of the world. Dahn, under Japanese efficiency, has, in the course of a few years, attained a foremost place among the twenty ports of China, and presents a striking contrast to the only Manchurian Treaty Port, Newchwang, which has had to struggle against neglect during its whole existence. The Manchurian situation is one of extreme delicacy between China, Japan and Russia, and an invasion of Manchuria might have revived international questions which the Washington Conference wisely declined to discuss. This hazardous enterprise seems to have been checked for the moment, and Wu Pei-fu's timetable for entering Shantung in triumph has been indefinitely postponed by Feng Yuxiang's coup. It is too early to say what effect this stroke may have. Feng is, as a Chinese lady quaintly told me the other day, an "Old Testament" type of character. (Laughter.) He has been known for a long time past to himself have documentary evidence of the fact that Feng was never a whole-hearted supporter of Wu Pei-fu's plan of unification force.

Wu was a violent advocate of a strong Central Government, and was opposed to any measure of provincial autonomy. All China was to be united and welded into one solid whole by sheer force, and for this he and his supporters entered upon the civil war. Personally, I have been inclined from the outset to share the view of the large body of Chinese opinion which considers the idea impracticable, and that unity can only be attained in the last resort by an arrangement which will give the provinces a very large share in the government of the country. China is much too large, and the problems of its widely extended dominions are far too complex and varied to admit of rigid control by any central authority. A loose federation of the provinces under a National Government is probably the most that can be expected. Whatever may be said of General Feng's methods, there is no reason to doubt the sincerity of his motives. He wished to put an end to an insensate civil war, and has taken great risks. He may not succeed in face of the forces arrayed against him and the new developments that are certain to arise, but his example may not be without its influence on the situation. The Chinese people may come to see the folly of butchering one another in a war in which no principles are at stake and which was provoked largely to gratify the desire for vengeance or aggrandizement of individual military commanders. The men who started this war under the impression that the flooded condition of North China furnished a favorable opportunity for settling the question of forcible unification to a decisive test may find that they have only made confusion worse confounded. It took the Manchuria 14 years to conquer China, and it looks as if it might take their Republican successors

LUDENDORFF ELECTED.

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(Reuter's Service).

BERLIN, December 8. General Ludendorff has been re-elected to the Reichstag.



No party has a clear majority in the Reichstag; in consequence, the existing government will carry on until the meeting of the Reichstag in January.

VICTIMS OF PIRACY.

MANY HONGKONG BOYS CAPTURED.

The "China Mail's" special correspondent writes that there were several Hongkong boys on the Canton Christian College Launch No. 2, which was captured by pirates on Saturday night, as the boat was bound from Ten-tze Ma-tao wharf, N. Canton, to Hongkong, Honan.

The list of victims follows: Yip In-tsai, formerly with the Eastern Bank, Hongkong, is a resident of Hongkong, an old boy of the College. He spent the week-end with his brother, also a student of the College, and was taken with his brother on the launch.

Chiang Hek-sui, now a student of the College, belongs to the family controlling the Wing Yu Hong Foreign Goods Store in Hongkong.

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The two Smith and Wesson
revolvers handed over to the
police last Friday by the Chief
Officer of the S.S. "Taiyo Maru"
were produced at the Kowloon
Magistrate's Court this morning, when an
order was made for their confiscation.

Several Shanghai commercial
organizations have telegraphed to
the Peking Ministry of Foreign
Affairs requesting that a protest
be lodged with the Philippine
authorities against their proposal
to levy an annual registration fee
on Chinese living there.

Owing to Japanese protests,
the Chinese press understands
that work on the big wireless
station which was proposed to
be built in Shanghai has been
postponed and the two American
engineers have gone home. They
will return to China after the
matter has been threshed out by
the Chinese Government and the
British, American and Japanese
Ministers.

The Deutsch-Asiatische Bank
has removed into its old premises
in the Legation Quarter, Peking,
and it will resume its former bank-
ing activities, says the Asiatic
News Agency. Mr. Eggeling will
probably leave for Berlin shortly,
and his successor has already
arrived and assumed charge of the
Peking office.

Several petitions have been
addressed to the Civil Governor of
Kiangsu praying him to prohibit
the export of rice from this
province. The petitioners base
their argument on the ground that
during the eighth year of the Re-
public a mandate was issued pro-
hibiting export from the province
when the price had risen above \$8,
and it is asked that this mandate
be adhered to.

The Kuling tiger is out and
about again and several natives
report the loss of cattle, says the
"Central China Post." An English
lady who lives at Taipingkung
states that she saw the animal one
evening when she was standing at
her garden gate. She became
aware of his presence by hearing a
loud growl and she saw him dis-
tinctly. He seemed quite a friendly
sort of brute and he walked
leisurely towards her. She, how-
ever, felt that discretion was the
better part of valour and took up
a position of shelter behind the door.
The tiger came close up to the gate
and then turned away again and
went off up the hill and has not
been seen since.

The Japanese Diet will be
officially convoked on December
24 and formally opened on the
26th. The real business commences
on January 20, after the New Year
recess.

The Hongkong A.D.C. directs
attention to the fact that the even-
ing performances of "St. Joan"
will be at 9 p.m. sharp. Booking
opens at the Anderson Music
Store on Monday next at 9 a.m.

"Religion and its Value" will
be the subject of this week's Public
Lecture of the Hongkong Lodge
of The Theosophical Society, 16,
Queen's Road Central, on Wednes-
day December 10, at 5.45 p.m.
All are welcome.

There will be a musicale at
the Helena May Institute on
Thursday, December 11, at 5.30
p.m. Tea served from 4.30.
Tickets, for Members and their
friends, 50 cents each, to be
obtained from the Secretary.

A Manila cable states that
Governor-General Wood has vetoed
measures appropriating sums
for Philippine participation in the
Inter-Parliamentary Union at
Geneva and also sums for the
continuance of independence propa-
ganda in the United States and
elsewhere.

It is stated in Tokyo that at the
suggestion of the Powers, Japan is
offering to mediate in the Gold
Franc issue which is at present a
Franco-Chinese dispute. Mr.
Yoshizawa (the Japanese Minister
at Peking) has been instructed to
interview the French and Chinese
Ministers at Peking on the subject.

Owing to lack of funds to give
the locomotives the usual over-
haul, the trains on the Sunning
Railway, according to our Kong-
moon correspondent, often stop
at the most inconvenient spots
because the engine has given out.
Passengers very much deprecate
the encouragement to bandits to
attack an immobile train.

"The Uncrowned King of the
Sze Yip," General Leung Hung-
kai, is again in the limelight in
connection with the Kongmoon
Police Commission, writes our
Pakkai correspondent. His
secretary, Cheung Cho-wing is
likely to be given the post in
succession to his brother, Leung
Chun-kai, who has been promoted
Hoiping district magistrate, an-
other of the Sze Yip plums. Much
friction has followed the attempts
of other politicians to nominate
their protégés for the post.

Pleadings were ordered by his
Honour Judge Sir Skinner Turner
in the case of Morinosuki Ikeda
versus the General Forge Products
Co. of China. Mr. Tycho Wing,
appeared for plaintiff, whilst Mr.
R.E.S. Gregson represented de-
fendant company. Plaintiff's claim
was for the return of a quantity of
copper piping of the sum of Tls.
40,000, and for Tls. 1,000 damages
for detaining the same; or, alter-
natively, for the like sums by way
of damages for breach of contract
of bailment.

A letter to the following effect
has been sent by a number of
Shanghai bodies to Marshal Tuan:
The point of view of the new
Cabinet towards the ex-Emperor,
Pu Yi, and the newly made terms
are wrong because there is no law
in any country in the whole world
whereby an Emperor can hold his
title in a Republic. During the
monarchical government by Gen.
Chang Hsun in the sixth year of
the Republic (1917) the ex-Emperor
disobeyed totally what he prom-
ised, i.e., to acknowledge a republic
in China and to observe its laws;
therefore all special good treatment
to the Manchus should be with-
drawn. What is the idea, the
writers ask, in having an Emperor
in the country?

Sir John Jordan holds that
foreigners have a measure of
responsibility for the present
trouble in China. In 1919 the
Diplomatic Body at Peking, with
prudent foresight, decided to im-
pose an embargo upon the import
of arms into China, and for some
years the arrangement proved
effective. During the past year
or two the Agreement has been
flagrantly violated by several
Powers, who have openly connived
at the import of arms, both by the
Central Government at Peking and
by the provincial authorities. The
foreign Press in China has
denounced these transactions as a
suicidal betrayal of foreign in-
terests, and I am very glad to see
that publicity is being given to
them by "The Times" and other
organs at home. But surely the
question is one that ought to be
submitted to the League of Nations.
The Powers which are sounding a
general call to disarmament at
Geneva might profitably be invited
to take up this concrete instance
of the West arming the East for
civil war, and give some proof of
the faith that is in them by stop-
ping a traffic which may some day
prove fatal to their own nationals
in China.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Bishop Banister, of Kwangsi has
accepted temporary chaplaincy of
St. Mark's, Seremban. He is ex-
pected at Seremban some time
before Christmas and remains till
March or April.

Invitations have been issued by
Dr. and Mrs. R. Dowden for the
marriage of their daughter Doris
to Mr. Stanley William Harper,
at St. Mary's Church, Kuala
Lumpur, on December 31.

The Rev. William R. Campbell,
D.D., of Boston, President of the
Congregational Educational
Society, and director of numerous
educational institutions, is at pre-
sent in Shanghai, with his wife,
staying at the Palace Hotel. Dr.
and Mrs. Campbell are making a
trip round the world and visiting
the various missionary educational
centres en route.

The long expected visit to
Japan of H.R.H. Crown Prince
Umberto of Italy, will take place
in April next year during the
cherry blossom season. The visit
of the Italian Crown Prince will
be to return the courtesies paid by
the Prince Regent of Japan when
the latter visited Rome three years
ago. While in Tokyo, Prince
Umberto will stay at the
Kasumigaseki Palace.

A large circle of friends, will
learn with regret of the death of
Mr. Luk King-nam, the assistant
comptroller in Messrs. Shewan,
Tomes and Company's comptroller
department, Hongkong, which
occurred at his Macao residence
on Wednesday morning, from
chronic bronchitis. The late Mr.
Luk King-nam was 66 years of
age, was a most respected member
of the local Chinese community.
Over forty years ago, he was com-
ptroller of a local firm, but later
he took up newspaper work, being
for many years editor of the
"Wah Tat Yat Po," on resigning,
which post he became connected
with "Hongkong Commercial
News" the organ of the Chinese
Chamber of Commerce, when that
journal was inaugurated some
years back.

Mr. G. M. Billings, the interport
cricketer, has returned to Shanghai
after a trip home. Mr. Billings
has represented both Shanghai
and Singapore at cricket.

A very enjoyable concert was
given in the Canton Customs' Club
on Saturday evening, the following
contributing items:— Mr. de
Bodisco, Mrs. Beare, Lieut. Col.
Crosse, Mr. Pasquier, Mr. West,
Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Olive.

On the departure of Sir William
Manning, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., from
Ceylon, the Hon. Mr. Cecil
Clementi, C.M.G., Colonial Secre-
tary of Ceylon, will act as Officer
Administering the Government
there until the arrival in the island
of the new Governor, Sir Hugh
Clifford, G.C.M.G.

For the seat on the Sanitary
Board rendered vacant by Dr.
Ozorio's resignation, Dr. J. C.
MacGowan is the only candidate,
and the election fixed for the 11th
inst., will not now be necessary.
Dr. MacGowan was nominated by
Mr. B. Wylie and seconded by
Chev. J. M. Alves, and his appoint-
ment to the Board, will, it is
expected, be gazetted in due
course.

Seikichi Ito, a 62-year-old re-
sident of Asakusa-machi, died last
week, 42 days after beginning a
repentance fast. He was a well-
to-do man, but when he learned of
the disaster wrought by the
earthquake in Tokyo last year, he
sold out all his property, and gave
all he had realized on it to the
relief fund. Recently he heard of
disasters and inseparable disclosures
connected with the relief work in
Tokyo and he became so sick of
the world that he determined to
take leave of it by fasting. He
shut himself up in a cement shed
in the outskirts of the city of Kochi
without anybody knowing the
fact. After 22 days of fasting
the police accidentally found him
in the shed alive and able to tell
why he was there. They police
then persuaded him to be taken to
the hospital, where he took 200
grams of liquid food a day. A
few days ago he fell and hit his
head against some wood work, and
the concussion resulted in his
death.

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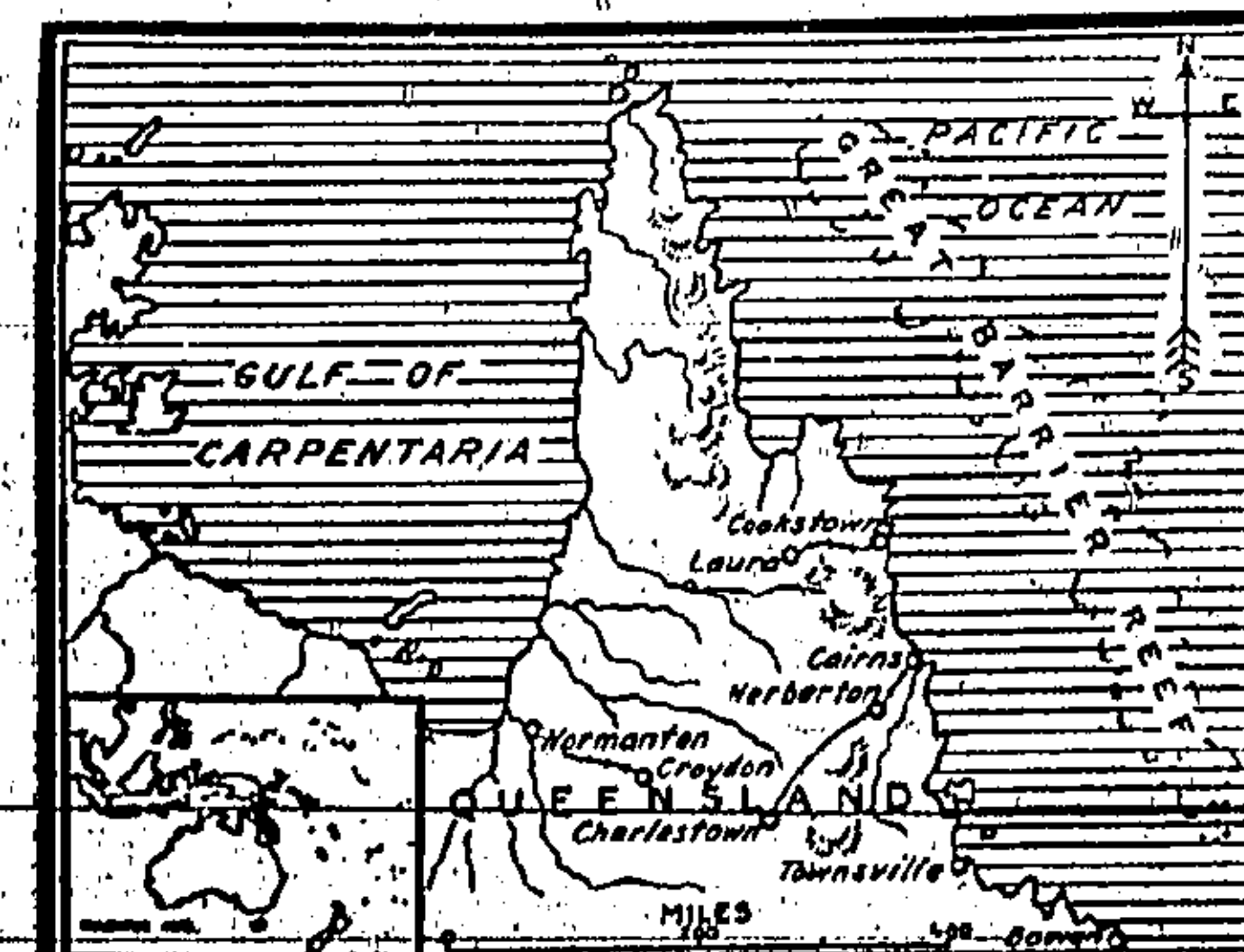


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CROWN LEASES.

INJUSTICE TO THE BRITISH SUBJECTS.

Referring to the China leases in his speech at the annual meeting of the China Association, Sir John Jordan said that these leases, which affect only five or six of the Treaty ports in China, are a singular exception to the conditions which obtain everywhere else in China. "All British subjects outside the Concessions areas at these ports, all British subjects at other Treaty ports and all other foreigners at all the Treaty ports hold their land in perpetuity from the Chinese Government. This is a Treaty right of all foreigners. At Tientsin, Hankow, and three or four other ports the British Consuls experienced difficulties in arranging for the purchase of land by their nationals direct from the Chinese owners, and found it more convenient to obtain grants of land from the Chinese authorities for the use of British subjects. These grants were made to the British Government in the usual form of perpetual leases, and were explicitly stated to be made in pursuance of Treaty for the benefit of British subjects. The British Government recouped itself fully for the outlay by disposing of the lots to British subjects, but for some reason—probably following the practice in England—it granted the latter only 99 years' lease. These leases will expire in 1960, and the British Government are now demanding onerous terms for conveying to their nationals the full rights of perpetual tenure which they obtained on their behalf in the first instance by Treaty from the Chinese Government. The lot holders in the Concessions contend that as a matter of equity and still more of policy they are entitled to renew on nominal terms. (Hear, hear, and applause.) They hold that the British authorities acted merely in a fiduciary capacity as agents for giving effect to the Treaties, and that there was no intention at the time of conveying any beneficial interest in the property to the British Government. (Applause.) They point to the fact that all other foreign Governments conveyed to their nationals in their Concessions the full rights of perpetual tenure, which they acquired from China, and they ask why their trade and right of residence should be exposed to disabilities from which their neighbours are exempt. (Loud applause.) Why, they further ask, should the holders of some 60 and 70 acres of land at Tientsin and Hankow, respectively, be required to pay a heavy assessment for procuring the same leases as the owners of the 5,000 acres in the Shanghai International Settlement have held from the outset without any similar payment at all, seeing that all British subjects enjoy, without discrimination, the same rights under Treaty? (Applause.)

"These arrangements" and delicate questions of policy on which it is undesirable to enlarge at present, carried little weight with the First Commissioner of Works, to whose decision they were practically entrusted by the late Government. This Association feels that as a matter of justice and equity, the whole question should be reconsidered. (Hear, hear.) It has been suggested, and the suggestion seems a perfectly fair one, that the case should be submitted to arbitration, or, alternatively, that it should form the subject of a friendly suit in a Court of justice between the Concession land-renters and His Majesty's Government. (Loud applause.)

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

LONG TACK SAM VAUDEVILLE CO.

Hongkong theatregoers are sure to extend a good reception to Long Tack Sam, the world renowned magician, and his troupe of acrobats when they make their initial appearance at the Queen's Theatre this evening at 9.15 p.m.

Long Tack Sam and his troupe of Oriental wonder workers are said to be the most expensive engagement ever made by Mr. H. G. Musgrove of the Tivoli Theatres, Sydney and Melbourne. All the Australian papers write in glowing terms of this wonderful act, and at the farewell performance at Sydney recently, the audience stood and cheered these remarkable performers.

Long Tack Sam is a magician of the highest order; he mystifies his audience with acts of a most baffling kind. His daughters dance delightfully and a Chinese comedian, provides something novel in the way of England dude exaggerations. The whole troupe, however, is said to be at its best on the horizontal bar. Here they fly in the air, turn round at great speed and perform many hair-raising feats, leaving the audience spellbound. Altogether this wonderful performance should prove one of the most exhilarating vaudeville acts ever seen in Hongkong. Booking is at Moutings.

QUEEN OF NIGHT.

WILL OF ECCENTRIC COUNTS.

A sensational law suit, concerning many hundred millions of kronen, has started at Graz, the capital of Styria. The Countess Anna Ferri, who died there in 1919, disinherited her two relatives and left her very valuable castles and estates to a Hungarian count. The will was drawn up by a Graz lawyer in April, 1913, and signed by three witnesses. The relatives now allege that the lady was then not quite normal, and on that special evening she had also taken too big a dose of some narcotic. Moreover, the signatures of the witnesses were written in different inks. The third of them, one Cadorna, who died in 1922, is declared by the disinherited party to have been abnormal as well, at least during the latest period of his life.

Above all, the relatives are trying to prove that the countess had been insane long before the drawing up of the codicil. She was the daughter of an immensely rich banker, connected with the Rothschilds and later on married the Italian Count Ferri, from whom she was divorced in 1893. At that time she was 58 and according to the relations, her eccentricity increased continuously. Taking up residence at her Graz castle, she would dress in black from head to foot, have all the windows of the castle shut, sleep during the day, never get up until it was pitch dark and tolerate only perfectly black things around her. She never left her apartments, rarely changed her linen, and washed with strange ceremonies. Though exceedingly stingy, she wasted enormous sums on buying black swans and black peacocks. In her aversion to light she would have the snow in front of the castle strewn with ashes. Visitors were received at night only, and the will which is now contested was drawn up during the night.

DAYLIGHT UNBEARABLE.

The evidence, however, gives an altogether different interpretation. The first witness, the lawyer, now aged 82, protested energetically against the idea of the countess's insanity. That she could stand nothing but black he ascribed to her very weak eyes; she could see only in artificial light, he told the Court, and daylight was unbearable to her. The Countess, at the time of the drawing up of the codicil, was in full possession of her intellectual and mental powers; she read the will and found it in order. He could not notice any loss of memory caused by narcotics. The witness Cadorna was present simultaneously with the other two witnesses, who raised no objection against him, and he was certainly quite normal. For signing the will Cadorna used his fountain pen, while the other two gentlemen probably used the ink on the Countess's writing-table, which accounted for the various kinds of ink in the signatures.

"ST. JOAN."

GREAT PLAY TO BE GIVEN HERE.

Those who have seen Bernard Shaw's play "St. Joan" which the Hongkong A.D.C. hope to produce early next month, describe it as a great play. Bernard Shaw has written a play that humanises Joan, renders her wholly comprehensible and lovely, without detracting one whit from her essential greatness and saintliness. It is dramatic, moving, replete with ideas, but with ideas rendered dramatic, and replete with characters that actually live, progressing steadily and logically from interest to interest and culminating in a great trial scene that not only stands unique, but perhaps surpasses anything in the kind in modern drama. Joan is, of course, the dominating, central figure and she is a Joan that is essentially human—a simple, high-minded, brave, patriotic young girl believing in her divine mission but valuing human affection, capable of shrinking from physical pain, capable of annoyance, boredom and sharp speech—a great figure and a great creation. Around her circle a crowd of all kinds of persons, of all degrees, socially, mentally, morally. Her personality dominates them all.

"St. Joan" will be found the greatest achievement of the Hongkong A.D.C., and no pains are being spared to make it, and as the play demands, the crowning point in its career.

Booking opens at the Anderson Music Store on Monday next at 9 a.m.

COLLISION AT SEA.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 8. The steamer "Nowshera" collided with the small steamer "Hatchmere" in the Irish Sea early yesterday morning. The "Nowshera" has returned to Liverpool.

CHINA'S FUTURE.

BOLSHEVIK DANGER ANALYSED.

LESSON OF CANTON.

The year 1924 marks a momentous change in the relations between Russia and China, according to Sir John Jordan. Addressing the China Association in London, he said: "For some 300 years the Empires of Russia and China, with the longest and most loosely demarcated common frontier in the world, kept up a desultory intercourse, varied by occasional disputes over territorial encroachments on the part of the former. Russian influence reached its zenith in the closing years of the last century, and met its first check in the opening years of the present one when Japan wrested from her the supremacy of North-Eastern Asia. The collapse of the Tsarist regime administered the final blow to Russian ambitions, and Korea, Manchuria and North China are to-day all strewn with the wreck of grandiose schemes hatched by Russian expansionists. History can offer no greater or more dramatic contrasts than that which is presented by the dominating position which Russia occupied in the East some 25 years ago, and the humiliating conditions to which she has been reduced under the Bolshevist regime. (Hear, hear.)

The Treaty signed on May 31 last is a complete surrender of all the Treaty rights and privileges acquired in the course of three centuries, and places Russia in every respect on a footing of equality with China. The only fly in the ointment is that the Russian Treaty with China, like the one negotiated between this country and Russia, is little more than an Agreement to make an Agreement—an "Agreement on General Principles" it is officially styled—and it remains to be seen how far the practice will be made to accord with the principles. (Laughter.) Already there is a rift in the lute. The Russians have made a separate arrangement with Chang Tso-lin for the working of the Chinese Eastern Railway and the enthusiasm with which the Agreement was hailed has been considerably damped by this open recognition of the arch enemy of the Peking Government.

"Many young Chinese who owe their education to America, and until recently were proud to acknowledge the debt, have now transferred their affections to Bolshevist Russia and listen complacently to the Russian Ambassador while he pours out the vials of his wrath upon the iniquities practised by Imperialistic America and other Treaty Powers. This is a disquieting feature in the Far Eastern situation, and it would be folly to ignore the determined effort which is being made by M. Karakhan and a section of the younger Chinese to undermine the Treaty rights of Great Britain and other Powers. There appears to have been some misconception as to the proper methods of counteracting this influence. It was suggested that the other Powers should appoint Ambassadors to Peking, so as to forestall the possibility of the Russian representative becoming the Doyen of the Diplomatic body. That would have been paying an undeserved and quite unnecessary compliment to Russian methods. There should be no danger of anything of the kind. The Diplomatic body in Peking is and always has been, the jealous guardian of the Treaty rights which Russia no longer possesses, and the enjoyment of which by others M. Karakhan is out to destroy. Such a man can have no part in the deliberations of the Diplomatic body, much less direct them as doyen, and the body has greatly degenerated since I knew it if it admits him to its counsels. The Russian Treaty and the Treaties of Great Britain, France, the United States, and other Powers are as far apart as the poles, and there is no common ground on which their respective representatives can meet to deliberate. (Hear, hear.)

"China is not a very receptive soil for the propagation of Bolshevism. The great bulk of the population is rooted to the soil under an excellent system of land tenure, which recognises the value of private property. Wherever communism has made any headway the result has been disastrous. (Hear, hear.) Canton, the once proud and opulent city of the South, has seen its best quarter reduced to ashes and its once enterprising and peaceable population exposed to the worst horrors of streets fighting. This experience and the spectacle of thousands of destitute Russian refugees living in their midst on public charity should be sufficient to convince all sensible Chinese that the adoption of the Russian creed is more likely to lead to the destruction than to the salvation of China. (Applause.)"

GREAT AIR FLIGHT.

REMARKABLE JOURNEY IN NORTH AUSTRALIA.

Major F. A. De V. Robertson writes in the Press as follows:—

Early this year everyone interested in flying was stirred by the flight of the Chief of the Australian Air Staff, Wing Commander Goble, round the coast of Australia in a Fairey seaplane with a Rolls-Royce 300-h.p. Eagle engine. This was a service flight undertaken on behalf of the Royal Australian Air Force to collect information useful to the Defence Department.

But the Department of Civil Aviation also needed information about conditions in the north of the continent which would aid it in framing its policy of civil air lines. At present only two civil air lines are flying steadily northward, one to West Australia from Perth to Derby, and the other through Queensland from Charleville to Cloncurry, and the intention seems to be that their routes shall be extended northwards until they meet at the northern capital, Port Darwin. Troop carriers will then be brought into regular communication with the progressive States in the south-east and in the west. There are no railways from north to south, and at present the only communication is by slow and irregular coasting steamers.

Accordingly Colonel Brinsmead, the head of civil flying in Australia, set out this summer on a personal exploration of the north by air, and a cable just received gives a brief account of his remarkable journey. He used a De Havilland 50 type of aeroplane with a Siddeley Puma 240-h.p. engine. He took with him a civilian pilot, Mr. Jones, and a mechanic named Buchanan.

Starting from Melbourne, they flew straight to Charleville, and thence followed the route of the Queensland and Northern Territory Air Services, Limited, up to Cloncurry. This route has been very cleverly thought out, as it links up five railheads, from each of which a railway line runs down to the coast. From Camooweal, beyond Cloncurry, they plunged into almost unknown country until they reached the sea and civilization at Darwin. There they flew more or less along the coast to Wyndham, to which station the West Australian Airways, Limited, is about to extend its service. There they were once more within reach of expert assistance had they needed it. But they were quite able to look after themselves, and the D.H. 50 and the Puma were both behaving magnificently.

UNDEVELOPED WEALTH.

So from Wyndham they turned due southwards into the interior following the Ord River to Hall's Creek, in the middle of the goldfield of the northwestern hinterland. Between Camooweal and Wyndham they saw thousands of square miles of magnificently watered country suitable for sheep-farming, but undeveloped owing to lack of communications. Colonel Brinsmead reports that this tract offers "an incomparable opportunity for aviation." From Hall's Creek they turned westward to the coast, and linked up once more with the West Australian Airways at Broome. From here to Perth must have been comparatively simple, and then the route to Adelaide and Melbourne would follow the line of the railway.

By flying overland here, Colonel Brinsmead avoided the rough experiences which Wing Commander Goble met with in the great Australian flight. But Colonel Brinsmead mentions that throughout his flight he avoided adventures—as if his whole journey were not one glorious adventure. They flew 7,583 miles in 76½ hours and landed 35 times. The trip took 22 days and in that time they did work for the Department which would by other methods of progress have occupied five months. Colonel Brinsmead remarks that many of the stations which they visited are anxious to set up their own aeroplanes so soon as a low-powered two-seater is produced. Evidently Australia will keep a keen eye on the doings at Lympe.

During this great flight the only replacements on the Puma were two plugs and two inlet valves. On the D.H. 50 the only replacement was an inclinometer tube, and the aeroplane flew back to Melbourne as good as new.

NEW YEAR.

PLANS AFOOT TO HOLD GYMKHANA.

Tentative arrangements are on foot for the holding of a gymkhana at Happy Valley race-course on New Year's Day. The prime movers, the "China Mail" learns, are the Polo Club committee and the members of the mounted section of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Presumably, a mixed programme of racing and stunt affairs will be arranged, provided the use of the race-course is granted. Cash sweeps and totalisator will be provided.

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WELL IN LEAD.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, December 8.

At 5 a.m. it appears certain that the Social Democrats will be the strongest party in the new Reichstag.

The returns continue to show heavy gains by the Social Democrats, and moderate gains by the German Democrats, German Peoples' party, the Centralists and German Nationals, while the Communists lost heavily. The extreme Nationalists are practically wiped out.

The state of the parties is: Social Democrats.....62 German Nationalists.....37 Centre party.....24 German Peoples' party.....22 Communists.....14 Bavarian party.....8 German Democrats.....7 Extreme Nationalists.....2 Economic party.....2

The Social Democrats returned 119, the Nationalists 85, Centralists 59, Communists 36, Peoples' Party 40, Ludendorffists 7, Democrats 20, Bavarians 17 and others 20. Seventy are outstanding.

Herr Marx and Herr Stresemann are among the leading Reichstag re-elected. No prominent man has been defeated hitherto.

REPUBLICAN VICTORY ASSURED. It is now clear that the Republic is victorious over the forces of reaction and monarchism and that the policy of the new government will be conciliation, and the fulfilment of the Treaty and the Dawes obligations. The Social Democrats are the strongest party in the new Reichstag. Possibly the old so-called Wirth coalition composed of Social Democrats, German Democrats, and the Catholic Centre party with the support of various minor parties will have a very small absolute majority over the opposition even if the latter includes the German Peoples' party led by Herr Stresemann.

A very significant feature of the elections was the complete collapse of the Ludendorffists, who went over practically en masse to the German National Party which is now the second strongest party in the House.

COMMUNISTS LOSERS.

The Communists also lost considerably, chiefly to the Social Democrats. They have about 45 seats as compared with 62 in the old Reichstag. The Catholic Centre party has maintained its position. The German Democrats, the German Peoples' party, and the Bavarian Peoples' party have gained a few seats.

There are now three alternatives for the formation of the new government, firstly a big coalition of Social Democrats, the German Peoples' party, the Centre party and the Democrats, secondly the Wirth coalition and thirdly the continuance in office of the present government under Herr Marx and Herr Stresemann, with the benevolent neutrality of the Social Democrats.

EARLIER RESULTS.

At seven thirty this morning the pro-republican victory was confirmed by latest figures of the state parties. The Social Democrats 85, the National 62, the Centralists 36, the Peoples' party 27, Communists 23, Democrats 15, Bavarian peoples' party 10, Ludendorffists 5 and Economics 2.

Compared with the May election the results show that the Socialists gained twenty-nine seats, the others sixteen. The Communists and Ludendorffists each lost eighteen.

The public and almost ostentatious display of friendliness at the funeral of Anatole France between the eminent French General Gouraud and M. Caillaux has occasioned much gossip and discussion. Everyone knows that M. Caillaux still advocates the Franco-German entente for which he worked before the war, and there are certain if not too definite signs that a section of French industrial opinion is also turning towards that solution of the European problem. It is interesting to remember that many eminent Frenchmen both before and since the war of 1870 have advocated a Franco-German alliance. "France and Germany in union," cried Victor Hugo, in his grandiloquent way, "that would be the safety of Europe, the peace of the world." "France is the natural ally of Germany," said Ferdinand de Lesseps. Even Ernest Lavisse, the historian, assuredly no friend of Russia, used to dwell on the happy potentialities of friendship and co-operation of Germany and France, but he added sorrowfully that the preliminary steps could never be taken with the German Empire of the immediate pre-war years.

Stops Croup.

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"APE MAN."

PRIMITIVE HUMANS IN SUMATRA.

Following the recent announcement of the discovery of a tribe of apemen living in the Dutch East Indies by J. van Herwaarden of Holland, a cablegram came from The Hague recently stating that mysterious creatures, half man and half ape, are frequently seen by native people of Hima Island, in the vicinity of Sumatra. These creatures are called "orang pedaks" by the curious natives. They are believed by some authorities to be the lowest existing form of human life, while others declare the strange creatures are not men but only a rare species of large monkey.

Discussing at length the recent report of Mr. van Herwaarden on his encounter with the apemen, a well-known Dutch merchant in the East Indies says, "Reports are reaching us from various sources which indicate with a degree of certitude that in the jungles of Sumatra may really be found a still unknown species of apes bearing a great resemblance to human beings. This species is probably not, however, an unknown tribe of primitive people, as the natives believe. Mr. van Herwaarden has recently furnished us a description of one such creature to be found, as the first European to enter the Sumatra fastnesses, on the island of Pelelo Riman and the districts of Banjoe Asin and Koeboe. He referred to it as a creature called 'Sedapa' by the natives.

"There have been similar reports of a species called 'Orang Pedak' from Middle and South Sumatra, which coincide in many details, with the exception that the descriptions from South Indragiri make mention of a rudimentary end of a tail. This differentiation need not necessarily mean much, since it is commonly known that some 'primitive' inhabitants of Middle Sumatra, and especially of Borneo, have evidence of growths of a small tail.

"In my trips through the interior of Sumatra I have gathered all available data of this species of apes (for I consider them to be nothing else) which I have met there, and from these investigations I have concluded that the orang pedak does not appear north of the Indragiri River and is found preferably in mountainous territory. At any rate it is a rare object and is seen but seldom. It is very scarce in North Kerintji and the wild, almost unknown, regions east of it.

EATS MEAT, VEGETABLES. "All descriptions and the results of inquiries which I have gathered agree in essentials and confirm the description by Mr. van Herwaarden, but they differ in some noticeable details, so that it may very well be possible that he has found something different.

"The orang pedaks are creatures about five feet tall, with broad shoulders and of enormous strength, which they employ to remove fallen trees in order to reach the animals living under them. Reliable native hunters state that an orang pedak has been eating meat, such as that of a rhinoceros after it had been caught in a trap, and after he had chased away a tiger which was feasting on the animal.

"The orang pedak also eats roots and turnips. One of the species has been reported shot by a hunter about twenty years ago, hence the detailed description of the animal from that section. The orang pedak therefore must be said to be omnivorous. It is reported to emit a cry with a double sound, something like 'oo-ee,' which I have heard frequently from a distance.

"I have nowhere been able to confirm that the orang pedak is a tree habitant. The natives are very much afraid of it, while the creature seems to avoid all contact with human beings. Some of the details in the report of Mr. van Herwaarden would seem to indicate that he has seen an orang pedak, while from other details it might be gathered that he probably met one of the most primitive of the ancient inhabitants of Sumatra. The fact that the entire body of the creature described by him was covered with hair seems to point to an orang pedak. This is not the case with any known tribe of humans.

"Nearly all other data, such as the long hair on the head, the regular formation of the eyes and human features, its presence in a tree top, its anxious cries and fear of a gun, all these details point rather to a primitive being. Personally, I wonder whether Mr. van Herwaarden did not see one of the most primitive Koeboe women—the creature was a female. The Koeboes are known among the Malay inhabitants as tree climbers and the sound from the creature resembles the sound of the word 'Koeboe.'

"I do not believe that this experience has solved the riddle of the orang pedak and it is to be hoped that it will fall to the lot and the credit of a Dutch expedition to ascertain the nature of these beings, which seem to be a cross between a human and an ape."

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 9.—Coronet Theatre; "Blood and Sand." December 9.—Star Theatre; "The Gay Corinthian." December 9.—World Theatre; "The Beloved Traitor." December 9.—Queen's Theatre; "The Law Forbids." December 12 to 20.—Theatre Royal; "The Yeomen of the Guard." 9 p.m. January 12 to 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m. January 14, 4.30 p.m.

SPORT.

December 28.—St. Andrew's v. St. George's Golf Match at Fanning.

SOCIAL.

December 11.—Musical at the Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m. December 13.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m. December 19.—Children's Xmas Party, at Heland, May Institute, 4 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

December 10.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, Xmas Toys, 2.30 p.m. December 11.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m. December 13.—Lammert Bros., at the Engineers' Institute, King's Building, Praya Central, one full-sized English billiard table with accessories, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETING.

December 20.—Sixth meeting of China Light and Power Co., (1918) Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11.30 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.

December 10.—Lecture on "Religion and its value," at the H.K.L.T.S., 16, Queen's Road, 5.45 p.m. December 15.—Annual meeting of the H.K.L.T.S. Golf Club at Messrs. Jardine's, 5.30 p.m. December 15.—Fifth annual meeting of Queen's College Old Boys' Association, 5.30 p.m. December 23.—General meeting of shareholders of the Rah Syndicate Ltd., Prince's Building, Chater Road, noon.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PEAK CLUB.

FANCY DRESS BALL

SATURDAY, 13th December, 1924, at 9.15 p.m. SPECIAL LATE TRAM 1.30 a.m. E. B. C. HORNEILL Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 9th December, 1924.

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FRENCH BEGIN RUHR EVACUATION



FRENCH EVACUATE DORTMUND

Under the Dawes Reparation Plan, French troops have begun evacuation of the Ruhr district of France, this photograph showing the occupation troops marching out of Dortmund, one of Germany's big industrial centres.

King's Friend.



F. DELTRAN-MASSÉS

F. Deltran-Massés, intimate personal friend of King Alfonso of Spain, has arrived in London to paint the portraits of a number of prominent society people.

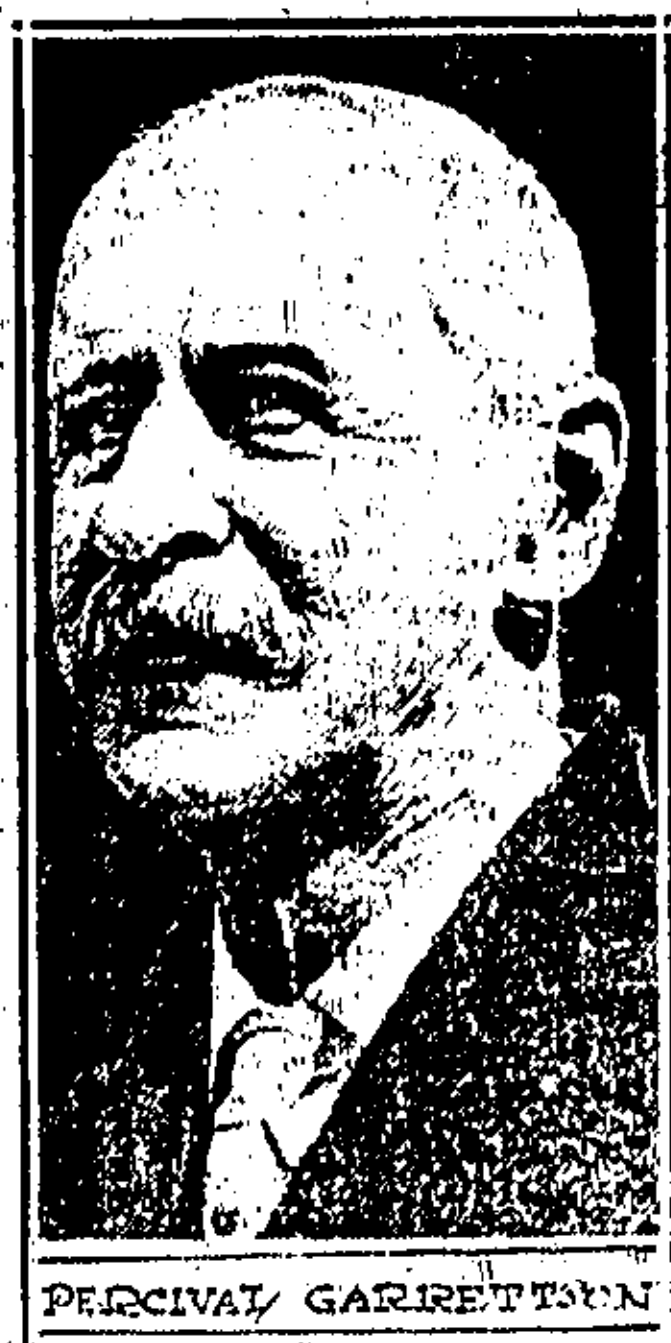
MEN AND WOMEN IN NEWS.



Below: KING ALFONSO & DR. MARION L. BURTON.

King Alfonso of Spain has gone to Bordeaux, France, with his deaf son, Don Jaime to consult French specialists. Mr. Marion Leroy Burton, president of the University of Michigan, who nominated President Coolidge at the Cleveland convention, is ill with bronchopneumonia. Mrs. Louise Doller, daughter of the millionaire glove manufacturer, who involved, in vain, the French court to prevent her marriage to a motor car salesman, has opened a dress-making establishment, despoiling society. Mrs. Mabelle Gilman Corey, divorced wife of the steel manufacturer, has reported to the police of Paris, where she lives, the theft of \$5,000 worth of furs from her home.

Fortune From Eggs.



Percival Garretson, who has been living in China for thirty years, has returned to Rome with a fortune he accumulated after learning the secret Chinese process for drying eggs. From his plant at Hankow, he exports 100,000,000 dried eggs annually. They are used in bakeries and candies.

FIRST AND SECOND LADIES.



MRS. CALVIN COOLIDGE & MRS. C. G. DAWES

Above are shown the First and Second Ladies of America, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and Mrs. Charles Gates Dawes, posed together when Mrs. Dawes paid a recent visit to Washington.

Served In Army.



MISS DOROTHY LAWRENCE

Miss Dorothy Lawrence, of Hastings, is the only woman who served in the ranks of the British Army through the entire War, where she made a splendid record as Super Lawrence, of the Royal Engineers.

Four-Legged Bird.



FOUR LEGGED DUCK

When some one asks you "What has four legs, a pair of wings and flies?" tell him it's a "duck." In this case it's true, for this four-legged duck has been bred at Long Island by Miss Hilda Handil.

GOLDEN FLEECE OF MODERN DAYS.



MRS. MEISCHKE SMITH & DAUGHTER

To meet the demand for rabbit fur, which is bringing high prices in the London market, Mrs. Meischke-Smith is cultivating white Angora rabbits for their wool. She has a large ranch near Bolbre, Hants.

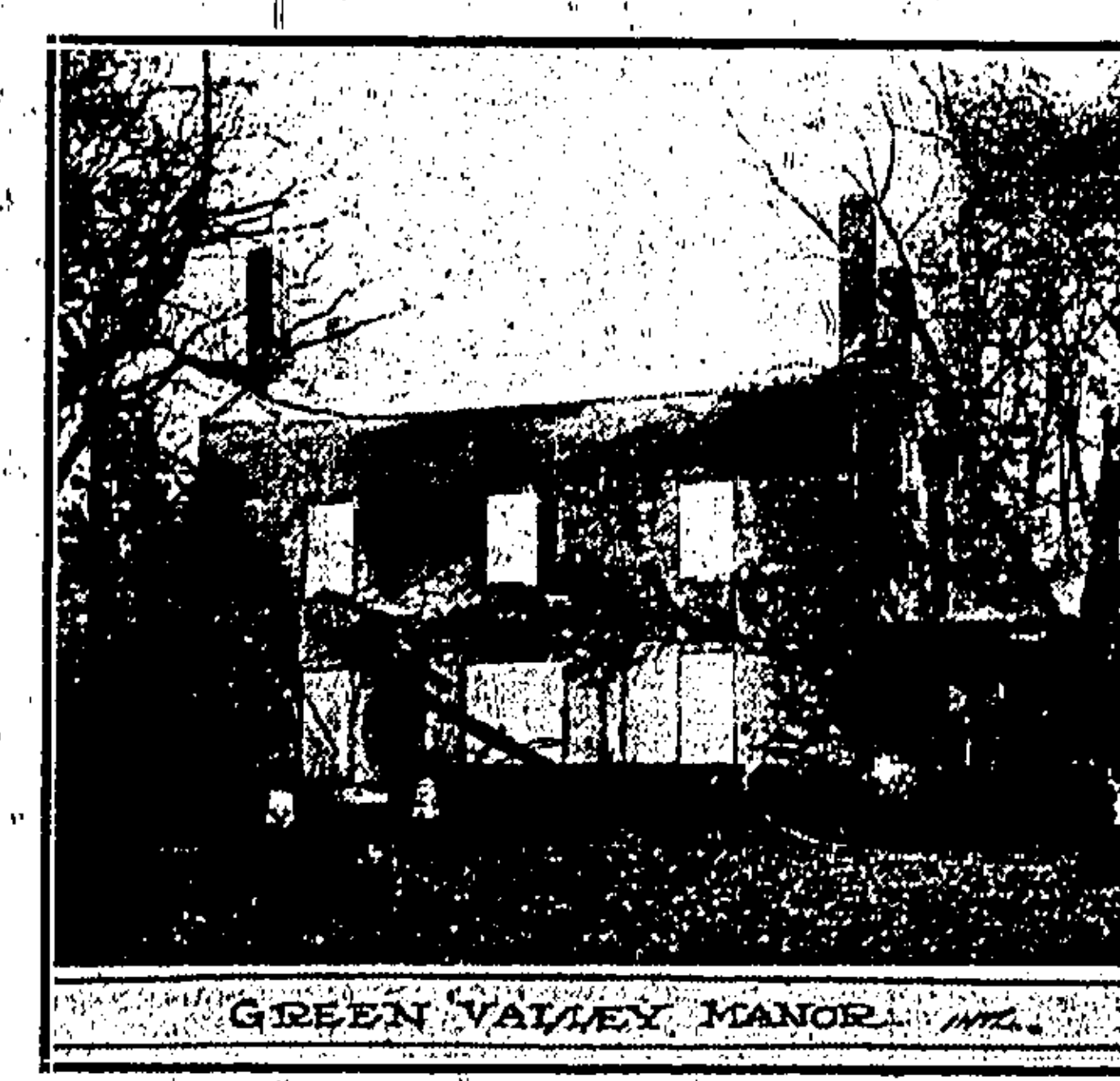
Veteran's Hikes.



HENRY STEWART

Henry Stewart, seventy-four years old, hiked all the way from his Los Angeles home to see President Coolidge. He made the hikes before to pay his respects to President Wilson and President Harding.

PRICELESS ANTIQUES LOST IN FIRE.



GREEN VALLEY MANOR

The century-old Green Valley Manor, near Washington, one of Virginia's ancestral landmarks, has been destroyed by fire. Among the heirlooms and relics lost were a Chinese lamp 2,000 years old, a sewing table once used by Marie Antoinette, and others. Four naval officers living in the manor escaped with serious burns. The manor was used as a hospital during the Civil War.

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THAT WUZ ALL THE MONEY I HAD BUT IT'S WELL SPENT TO WIN THAT BET. NOW FOR TO CATCH DUGAN SMOKIN'.

WHAT'S THE MATTER HERE'S DUGAN AN' HE'S SMOKIN' HIS THIRD DOLLAR CIGAR!

THAT ISN'T THE DUGAN I MEANT.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

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E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1924.

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BEER**WORLD OF SPORT.****CRICKET.****M.C.C. TEAM DRAW AT**
BRISBANE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brisbane, December 7.

In cool weather, on a good
wicket, and before a crowd of
one thousand, the M.C.C. team
against an Australian eleven
scored 421.Hendren played a sound in-
nings of 100, which included one
six and ten fours. He was bat-
ting 3 hours and 26 minutes.
Kilner made 52.The Australians scored 257 for
5 wickets. Richardson made 83.
Kippax 82 not out. The match
was drawn.**EARLIER SCORES.**

Brisbane, December 6.

The weather was fine to-day
for the continuation of the match
between the M. C. C. tourists and
an Australian eleven. Twelve
thousand spectators gathered to
see the game. The wicket was
good but later crumbled. After
being 146 for five, the M. C. C.carried their score to 292 for six.
This being due to an exhilarating
partnership between Chapman
and Hendren, which realised146. The old Cantab scored 92
and Hendren 71 not out. Chap-
man was brilliant and hit a six
and ten fours and Hendren
played a sterling innings full of
merit. The partnership lasted
104 minutes. Earlier Douglas
scored 54.**SCORES FIRST DAY.**

Brisbane, December 5.

With beautiful weather, on a
perfect wicket and with an at-
tendance of 3,000, the Australian
team scored 525, Thompson mak-
ing 114 with sound batting,
including seven fours, in 207
minutes. Taaffe made 86 not
out. Freeman taking six wickets
for 160 runs. The innings lasted
552 minutes.The M. C. C. then went in and
had scored four runs for no
wickets when stumps were
drawn.A summary of the match
follows:
Australians ... 1st Innings 526
M. C. C. ... 1st Innings 421
Australians ... 2nd Innings
(for 5 wks) 257**I.R.C. v. R.E.**In the League match to be
played at 2 p.m. on Saturday,
the 13th inst., on the former's
ground, the following will repre-
sent the I.R.C. 2nd Eleven.I.R.C.—Sirdar Khan (Capt.),
S. A. R. Ismail, D. Rumjahn,
H. D. Rumjahn, E. A. Moosdeen,
N. B. Kitchell, M. P. Madar, F. M.
Arculli, S. A. Ismail, A. R.
Minu, and J. Cassamboy.Reserves:—Y. A. Wajah,
A. K. Minu.His first honour came in May,
1922, when he played against
Sweden, and a few critics said he
was a failure because he did not
score. He realised that he was
"poised," and played intelligently,
so that his colleagues had
more scope and scored four goals.
He does this in League games,
and we venture the opinion that
he will be a success againstIreland even if he does not score.
Last week-end he gave us
ample proof of his ability as an
initiator of attacks, and also of
his scoring powers. Against the
Irish League, not a brilliant com-
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selected himself on the Irish
League form alone.**FAMOUS FOOTBALLERS.****INTERNATIONAL WHO WAS**
GIVEN AWAY.

BEDFORD OF BLACKPOOL.

London, October 19.—Judging
purely on results, the day was
bound to arrive when Harry
Bedford, the Blackpool centre
forward, should be selected to
appear in a real international
match, but we must how await
developments before claiming
him as the best centre forward
qualified to play for England.Right at the beginning of the
season our football correspond-
ent, Steve Bloomer, says the
"Sunday Sportsman," wrote that
Bedford would most likely be
capped this year and that he was
one of the most successful leaders
in the country.As a goal-scorer he is un-
doubtedly at the top of the tree,
but that is not the only qualifi-
cation for a successful inter-
national centre forward.Bedford was born in Chester-
field, and, playing in Derbyshire
junior football, he attracted
amongst other clubs, Nottingham
Forest and, although very young,
he soon found himself in the
Forest League team.In two seasons he made 18
appearances and scored five goals.
Not a very brilliant record, but
he needed developing, and the
Forest made a huge mistake by
simply giving him away to Black-
pool in March, 1921.With ten games played the
Forest have tried four centre for-
wards, whilst their cast-off is
assisting his country!To be quite candid, very few
people interested themselves in
the transfer of Bedford, and cer-
tainly he accomplished little of
note until season 1922-3.Then the leading clubs began
to inquire about the Blackpool
marksman who scored 32 goals in
42 League games. Last season
his record was 34 goals in 40
matches, and this year he bids
fair to beat this total.The seaside air must have
agreed with him, for he has put
on flesh, weighing 12st. 4lb., and
standing 5ft. 9in., so that he is
built very much on the lines of
his international rival, Bradford,
of Birmingham.He is full of energy, and needs
watching—or, as the players say,
he must be policed throughout
the whole of the game. A thrust-
ful and dashing type of player,
who can hit the ball with un-
surpassed accuracy; neither does
he waste an opportunity of shoot-
ing by attempting to kill the ball
first.But a hustler, pure and simple,
he is not. Dribbling is not a
lost art, neither does he forget
those long swinging passes to the
wing.His first honour came in May,
1922, when he played against
Sweden, and a few critics said he
was a failure because he did not
score. He realised that he was
"poised," and played intelligently,
so that his colleagues had
more scope and scored four goals.
He does this in League games,
and we venture the opinion that
he will be a success againstIreland even if he does not score.
Last week-end he gave us
ample proof of his ability as an
initiator of attacks, and also of
his scoring powers. Against the
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ENGLAND.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 8.

The international soccer game
between Belgium and England
took place at West Bromwich
to-day.The result was a victory for
England by 4 goals to nil.**MISS NUTHALL.****JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPION**
SHOULD GO FAR.Miss Betty Nuthall, who is only
13 years and four months old, and
has won all the junior lawn tennis
competitions for which she has
entered, carried off the British
Junior Championships. It nearly
always happens that Miss Nuthall
is the youngest player in these
competitions, as the age limit is
under 18—yet Miss Nuthall wins
with ease. Miss Nuthall's fore-
hand drives are the basis of her
game. They compare favourably
with those of our very best players.
She meets the ball with the full
face of her racket, and strikes it
hard and accurately.Miss Nuthall's backhand is very
safe, but as yet not as severe as
her forehand, while her service is
a fast underhand. When she is
older Miss Nuthall intends to
develop the overhead service. In
both kinds of doubles game Miss
Nuthall volleys when her partners
are serving. Her one apparent
weakness is that she fails fre-
quently on short-length strokes,
but time will increase her speed of
foot, which will allow her to reach
the ball that is short.Miss Nuthall remains unspoiled
by the favourable criticisms she
receives in the Press. There is not
one element of "side" in her
nature, which is frank and pleasant.
She possesses an ideal temperament
for the game, and is an example to
many more experienced players in
the way she receives adverse deci-
sions of the umpire with a good
grace. What with her aptitude for
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